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 Tiwary, Pandit D N (Gopalganj)
 Tiwary, Shri Madan (Rajnandgaon)
 Tiwary, Shri Ramanand (Buxar)
 Tohra, Shri G S (Patnala)
 Tombi Singh, Shri N (Inner Manipur)
 Tripathi, Shri Madhav Prasad (Domariaganj)
 Tripathi, Shri Ram Prakash (Kannauj)
 Tulsiram, Shri V (Peddapalli)
 Tur, Shri Mohan Singh (Taran Taran)
 Tyagi, Shri O P (Bahraich)

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Uggrasen, Shri (Deoria)
 Unnikrishnan, Shri K. P. (Bādagara)

V

Vaghela Shri Shankersinhji (Kapat
 vanj)
 Vajpayee Shri Atal Bihari (New
 Delhi)
 Wakil, Shri Abdul Ahed (Baramulla)
 Varma Shri Brij Lal (Mahasamund)
 Varma Shri Ravindra (Ranchi)
 Vasisht, Shri Dharm Vir (Faridabad)
 Veerobhoolippi, Shri K. S. (Bellary)
 Venkataraman, Shri R. (Madras
 South)
 Venkatareddy, Shri P. (Ongole)
 Venkatswamy, Shri G. (Siddipet)
 Venugopal, Shri (Wandiwash)
 Verma Shri Chandradeo Prasad
 (Arrah)
 Verma, Shri Phool Chand (Shajapur)
 Verma, Shri Hargovind (Sitapur)
 Verma, Shri R. L. P. (Koderma)
 Verma, Shri Raghunath Singh
 (Mainpuri)

Verma, Shri S. P. (Chatra)

Virk, Sardar Raghbir Singh (Kuru-
 kshetra)

'Visharad', Shri Phirangi Prasad
 (Bansgaon)

Visvanathan, Shri C. N. (Tiruppattur)

Y

Yadav, Shri Gyaneshwar Prasad
 (Khagaria)

Yadav, Shri Hukmdeo Narain
 (Madhubani)

Yadav, Shri Jagdambi Prasad
 (Godda)

Yadav, Shri Narsingh (Chandauli)

Yadav, Shri Ram Naresh (Azam-
 garh)

Yadav, Shri Ramji Lal (Alwar)

Yadav, Shri Sharad (Jabalpur)

Yadav, Shri Vinayak Prasad
 (Saharsa)

Yadava, Shri Roop Nath Singh
 (Pratapgarh)

Yuvraj Shri (Katihar)

Z

Zulfiquarulla, Shri (Sultanpur)

LOK SABHA

The Speaker

Shri N Sanjiva Reddy

The Deputy Speaker

Shri Godey Murahari

Panel of Chairmen

Shri Dhirendranath Basu

Shri Tridib Chaudhuri

Miss Abha Maiti

Shri S D Patil

Shri M. Satyanarayan Rao

Shri Dwarika Nath Tiwary

Secretary-General

Shri S L Shukdher

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Members of Cabinet

The Prime Minister	Shri Morarji R. Desai
The Minister of Home Affairs	Chaudhuri Charan Singh
The Minister of Defence	Shri Jagjivan Ram
The Minister of Information and Broadcasting	Shri L. K. Advani
The Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation	Shri Prakash Singh Badal
The Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers	Shri H. N. Bahuguna
The Minister of Works and Housing and Supply and Rehabilitation	Shri Sikandar Bakht
The Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs	Shri Shanti Bhushan
The Minister of Education, Social Welfare and Culture	Shri Pratap Chandra Chunder
The Minister of Railways	Prof. Madhu Dandavate
The Minister of Commerce and Civil Supplies and Cooperation	Shri Mohan Dharla
The Minister of Communications	Shri George Fernandes
The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation	Shri Purushottam Kaushik
The Minister of Health and Family Planning	Shri Raj Narain
The Minister of Finance and Revenue and Banking	Shri H. M. Patel
The Minister of Steel and Mines	Shri Biju Patnaik
The Minister of Energy	Shri P. Ramachandran
The Minister of External Affairs	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee
The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Labour	Shri Ravindra Varma
The Minister of Industry	Shri Brijlal Verma

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LOK SABHA

Friday March 25 1977/Chaitra 4 1899
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[THE SPEAKER pro tem (SHRI D N TIWARI) in the Chair]

अध्यक्ष महोदय सर्वप्रथम मैं लोक सभा के नव निर्वाचित सदस्यों का स्वागत करता हूँ। आज हम एक पुनीत अवसर पर एकत्रित हुए हैं। संविधान के अन्तर्गत नई लोक सभा निर्वाचित हुई है, जिसके ऊपर देश और जनता का विश्वास है।

यह उचित और ठीक ही है कि अपनी कार्यवाही आरम्भ करने से पहले हम सब, जैसी कि ऐसे अवसर पर परम्परा रही है, थोड़ी देर तक मौन रखें।

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

11 03 hrs.

LIST OF MEMBERS ELECTED TO LOK SABHA

Laid on the Table

SECRETARY GENERAL Sir, I lay on the Table a Book presented to the Speaker by the Chief Election Commissioner, containing the list of Members elected to the Lok Sabha at the General Election of 1977

11 04 hrs

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

अध्यक्ष महोदय मुझे लोक सभा को यह सूचना देनी है कि प्रक्रिया नियमा के नियम 9 के अन्तर्गत मैंने निम्नलिखित सदस्यों को सभापति तालिका का सदस्य मनोनीत किया है —

- (1) श्री दिग्विजय नारायण सिंह
- (2) श्री त्रिदिव चौधरी, और
- (3) श्री कोता रघुरामैया

11-05 hrs

MEMBERS SWORN

अध्यक्ष महोदय जिन सदस्यों को शपथ लेनी है या प्रतिज्ञान करना है उनके नाम अब महासचिव द्वारा एक-एक करके पुकारे जायेंगे। पहला प्रधान मंत्री जी को बुलाया जायेगा। तत्पश्चात् विरोधी दल के नेता को बुलाया जायेगा। उसके बाद सभापति तालिका के सदस्यों के नाम पुकार जायेंगे। फिर अन्य सदस्यों के नाम राज्यवार पुकारे जायेंगे। जो सदस्य पहली बार पुकारे जाने पर शपथ न ल सकेंगे या प्रतिज्ञान न कर सकेंगे, उन्हें अन्त में फिर बुलाया जायेगा।

Shri Morarji Ranchhodji Desai
(Surat)

Shri Yashwantrao Balwantrao Chavan.
(Satara)

Shri Kotha Raghuramaiah
(Guntur)

Shri Rajagopala Rao Bodepalli
(Srikulam)

Shri Vyricherla Kishore Chandra
Suryanarayana Deo (Parvathi-
puram)

Shri Pusapati Vipiarama Gajapathi
Raju (Bobbili)

Shri Dronamraju Satyanarayana (Vi-
sakhapatnam)

Shrimati Radhabai Anarda Rao (Bha-
drachalam)

Shri S R A S Appalanaidu (Anka-
palli)

Shri M S Sanjeevitao (Kakinada)

Shri S B P Pattabhi Ramarao (Ra-
jahmundry)

Shri Kusuma Krishnamurthy (Amala-
puram)

Shri Alluri Subhash Chandra Bose (Na-
rasapur)

Shri Kommareddi Suryanarayana (El-
uru)

Shri Maganti Ankineedu (Machilipat-
nam)

Shri Godey Murahari (Vijavawada)

Shri Nagewara Rao Meduri (Tenali)

Shri Pamulapati Ankineedu Prasada-
rao (Bapatla)

Shri Brahmananda Reddy Kasu (Nara-
saraopet)

Shri Puli Venkata Reddy (Ongole)

Shri Doddavarapu Kamakshiah (Nel-
lore)

Shri Pothuraju Parthasarathi (Rajam-
pet)

Shri Kandula Obul Reddy (Cuddapah)

Shri P Bayapa Reddy (Hindupur)

Shri Darur Pullaiah (Arantapur)

Shri K. Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy (Kur-
nool)

Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy (Nandyal)

Shri Mallala Bheshama Dev (Nagar-
kurnool)

Shri J Rameshwara Rao (Mahbubna-
gar)

Shri K S Narayana (Hyderabad)

Shri M M Hashim (Secunderabad)

Shri G Venkataswamy (Siddipet)

Shri Mallikarjun (Medak)

Shri Muduganti Ram Gopal Reddy
(Nizamabad)

Shri G Narsimha Reddy (Adilabad)

Shri V Tulsiram (Peddapalli)

Shri M Satyanarayan Rao (Karimna-
gar)

Shri P V Narasimha Rao (Hanam-
konda)

Shri S. B Giri (Warangal)

Shri Jalagam Kondala Rao (Kham-
mam)

Shri Abdul Lateef (Nalgonda)

Shri P Rajagopal Naidu (Chittoor)

Shri G S Reddy (Niryalguda)

Shri Tindib Chaudhari (Berhampore)

Shri Digvijoy Narain Singh (Vaishali)

Shri Nihar Ranjan Laskar (Farim-
ganj)

Shrimati Rashida Haque Choudhury
(Silehar)

Shri Biren Singh Engli (Autonomous
District)

Shri Ahmmad Hossein (Dhubri)

Shri Ismail Hossain Khan (Barpeta)

Shrimati Renuka Devi Barkstaki (Gau-
hati)

Shri Hiralal Patowary (Margaldo)

Shri Purnanarayan Sinha (Tezpur)

Shri Dev Kanta Brooah (Nowgong)

Shri Bedabrata Barua (Kaliacoor)

Shri Tarun Gogoi (Jorhat)

Shri Haren Bhomi (Dibrugarh)

Shri Laht Kumar Doley (Lakhimpur)

Shri Jagannath Prasad Swatantra (Bagaha)
 Shri Halim Uddin Ahmad (Kishanganj)
 Shri Fazlur Rehman (Bettiah)
 Shri Mirtanajay Prasad Verma (Siwan)
 Shri Ram Vilas Paswan (Hajipur)
 Shri Lalu Prasad (Chapra)
 Shri George Fernandes (Muzaffarpur)
 Shri Shyam Sunder Das (Sulamerhi)
 Shri Hukmdeo Narain Yadav (Manuhani)
 Shri Dhanik Lal Mandal (Jhanjharpur)
 Shri Ram Sewak Hazari (Rosera)
 Shri Karpoori Thakur (Samastipur)
 Shri Ramjiwan Singh (Ballia)
 Shri Vinayak Prasad Yadav (Saharsa)
 Shri Mahendra Narayan Sardar (Ara-
 ria)
 Shri Lakhan Lal Kapoor (Purnea)
 Father Anthonj Murmu (Rajmahal)
 Shri Yuvraj (Katihar)
 Shri Bateshwar Hemram (Dumka)
 Shri Jagdambí Prasad Yadav (Godda)
 Shri Madhu Lamaye (Banka)
 Dr Ramji Singh (Bhagalpur)
 Shri Gyaneshwar Prasad Yadav (Kha-
 garia)
 Shri Shrikrishna Singh (Monghyr)
 Shri Shyam Nandan Mishra (Begus-
 sarai)
 Shri Birendra Prasad (Nalanda)

12.00 hrs

Shri Mahamaya Prasad Sinha (Patna)
 Shri Chandradeo Prasad Verma (Ar-
 rah)

Shri Rama Nand Tiwary (Buxar)
 Shri Jagjivan Ram (Sasaram)
 Shri Ram Awadhesh Singh (Bikram-
 ganj)
 Shri Satyendra Narain Singh (Auran-
 gabad)
 Shri Hari Lal Prasad Singh (Jehana-
 bad)
 Shri Nathuni Ram (Nawada)
 Shri Ishwar Choudhary (Gaya)
 Shri Riti Lal Prasad Verma (Kodarma)
 Shri Sukdeo Prasad Verma (Chatra)
 Shri Ramdas Singh (Giridih)
 Shri A K Roy (Dhanbad)
 Shri Kunwar Basant Narain Singh (Ha-
 zaribagh)
 Shri Ravindra Verma (Ranchi)
 Shri Rudra Pratap Sarangi (Jamshed-
 pur)
 Shri Bagun Sumbrui (Singbhum)
 Shri Karia Munda (Khunti)
 Shri Lalu Oraon (Lohardaga)
 Shri Ramdeni Ram (Palamau)
 Shri Ananiray Devshankar Dave (Kuf-
 ch)
 Shri Ramdas Kishordas Amin (Suren-
 dranagar)
 Shri Nathwani Narendra Pragji (Juna-
 gadh)
 Shri Dwarkadas Mohanlal Patel (Am-
 reli)
 Shri Natavarlal Bhagvandas Parmar
 (Dhandhuka)
 Shri Ahesan Jafri (Ahmedabad)
 Shri Purushottam Ganesh Mavalankar
 (Gandhinagar)
 Kumari Maniben Vallabhbhai Patel
 (Mehsana)
 Shri Khemchandbhai Somabhai Chavda
 (Patan)

Shri H. M. Patel (Sabarwalha)
 Shri Shankarji Laxmanji Vaghela (Kadavanj)
 Shri S. Nijalhas Punjabhai Damer (Dohad)
 Shri Hitendrabhai Kanaylal Desai (Godhra)
 Shri D. Arnsinh Dadubhai Desai (Kurai)
 Shri Ajtesinh Fulsinhji Dabhi (Anand)
 Shri Amarsinh Virabhai Rathwa (Chhoti Udaipur)
 Shri Fatesinhrao Pratapsinhrao Gidwad (Baroda)
 Shri Ahmedbhai Mohmadbhai Patel (Broach)
 Shri Chhitubhai Desaijibhai Garrit (Mandvi)
 Shri Prasannavadan Manilal Mehra (Bhavnagar)
 Shri Suraj Bhan (Ambala)
 Shri Sher Singh (Rohtak)
 Shri Dharma Vir Vasisht (Faridabad)
 Shri Manohar Lal (Mahendragadh)
 Shri Bhagwat Dayal (Karnal)
 Shri Mukhtiar Singh (Sonapat)
 Shrimati Chandravati (Bhiwani)
 Shri Inder Singh (Hisar)
 Shri Chand Ram (Sirsa)
 Shri Balak Ram (Simla)
 Shri Durga Chand (Kangra)
 Shri Ranjit Singh (Haripur)
 Shri Abdul Ahad (Baranulla)
 Shrimati Akbar Jahani Begum (Srinagar)
 Shri Mohd. Shafi Qureshi (Anantnag)
 Dr. Karan Singh (Jammu)
 Shri Baldev Singh (Jammu)
 Shri Sidram Reddy (Gulbarga)

Shri Rajshankar Mallappa (Raichur)
 Shri Kodajji Basappa (Davangere)
 Shri K. S. Veeraswami Reddy (Bellary)
 Shri K. Lakkappa (Tumkur)
 Shri M. V. Krishnappa (Chitaldurg)
 Shri K. Mallanna (Chitaldurg)
 Shri M. V. Chaitaneshkhara Murthy (Kannur)

1240 hrs

[Shri TRIDIP CHALDHURI in the Chair]

Shri C. K. Jaffar Sharief (Bangalore North)
 Shri K. S. Hegde (Bangalore South)
 Shri K. Chikkalingappa (Mandya)
 Shri B. Rachappa (Channarayana)
 Shri H. D. Tulsidas (Mysore)
 Shri Janardhana Poojar (Mysore)
 Shri T. A. Pai (Udupi)
 Shri S. Nanjeshagowda (Hassan)
 Shri D. B. Chandra Gowda (Chikmagalur)
 Shri A. K. Basappa (Shimoga)
 Shri Balsu Pursu Kadam (Kannur)
 Shri F. H. Mohsin (Dharwar South)
 Shrimati Sarojini Butti Rao Mahishi (Dharwar North)
 Shri Appayappa Paraveerappa (Kotreshetti, Belgaum)
 Shri B. Shankaranand (Chikkodi)
 Shri Sanganouda Bhatigouda Patil (Bagalkot)
 Shri Choudhari Kishnapoo Eimanna (Bijapur)
 Shri Ramachandran Kadanrappalli (Kasaragod)
 Shri C. K. Chandrapan (Cannanore)
 Dr. V. A. Seyid Muhammed (Calicut)

Shri G M Banatvala (Ponnani)

Shri A Sunna Sahib (Palghat)

Shri K. Kunhambu (Ottapalam)

Shri K A Rajan (Trichur)

Shri A C George Mulunlapuram)

Dr Henry Austin (Ernakulam)

Shri Skariah Thomas (Idiyakkal)

Shri C M Stephen (Idukki)

Shri V M Sudheeran (Alappay)

Shri B K Nair (Mavelikara)

Shri P K Koliyan (Adoor)

Shri Vayalar Ravi (Chirayinkeezh)

MR CHAIRMAN We may now adjourn for lunch and continue with the oath-taking after lunch. I will request hon. Members who have already taken the oath to kindly make it convenient to be present when our other friends take oath.

The House now stands adjourned till 2 pm

12.57 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Fourteen of the Clock

[Shri D N Tripathi in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN—continued

Shri K P Unnikrishnan (Balgirga)

Shri Chhabiram Arora (Meerut)

Shri Raghunath Sitaram (Bhind)

Shri Narayan Prasad Chaudhary (Gwalior)

Shri Madhav Rao Scindia (Gurgaon)

Shri Sukhendra Singh (Satna)

Shri Yamuna Prasad (Rewa)

Shri Surya Narain Singh (Sirol)

Shri Dalpat Singh Parasta (Shahdol)

Shri Larang Sai (Sirsa)

Shri Narhari Prasad Sukhdeo Sai (Raigarh)

Shri Brijlal Verma (Mahasamund)

Shri Purushottamlal Kaushik (Raigarh)

Shri Mohan Bhanu (Durg)

Shri Madan Tiwary (Rajnandgaon)

Shri Nirmal Chandra Jain (Seoni)

Shri Shyamlal Dhurve (Mandla)

Shri Sharad Yadav (Jabalpur)

Shri Laxmi Narain Nayak (Khajuraho)

Shri Gargishwar Ram Krishna Mishra (Chhannarayana)

Shri Subhash Chandra Ahuja (Betul)

Shri Kamath Hariyashan (Hoshangabad)

Shri Arif Beg (Bhopal)

Shri Raghavji (Vidisha)

Dr Pandit Vasant Kumar Ranken (Rajgarh)

Shri Fulchand Verma (Jharkhand)

Shri Parmanand Tripathi (Guntur)

Shri Rameshwar Potluri (Kharagpur)

Shri Kalyan Jan (Indore)

Shri Bharat Singh Galla (Dhar)

Shri Bhagirath Bhowar (Jharkhand)

Dr Laxminarayana Purohit (Muzaffarpur)

Shri Kachar Lal Heeraj (Bala-ghat)

Prof. Madhu Das (Bihar)

Shri Parulekar Bhausaheb (Hampi)

Shri Dinkar Bhat (Kolaba)

Shri Kamile Bapa Chatterjee (Bombay South Central)

Shrimati Abilya P. Rangnekar (Bombay North Central)

Dr. Subramaniam Swamy (Bombay North East)

Shri Ram Jethmalani (Bombay North West)

Shrimati Arinal Keshav Gore (Bombay North)

Shri Lahanu Shidava Kom (Dhanu)

Shri Vithalrao Ganpatrao Hande (Nasik)

Shri Hari Shankar Mahale (Malegaon)

Shri Vijay Kumar Naval Patil (Dhulia)

Shri Ramchandra Kashinath Phalgi (Thana)

Shri Surupsing Hirya Vark (Nandurbar)
Shri Sonusing Dhansing Patil (Erandol)

Shri Yashwant Mansaram Borole (Jalgaon)

Shri Daulat Gunaji Gawai (Buldhara)

Shri Vasantrao Purushottam Sathe (Akola)

Shri Nana Mahadeo Bonde (Amravati)

Shri Jaturamji Chaitramji Barve (Ramtek)

Shri Awari Gey Mancharsha (Nagpur)

Shri Mankar Laxmanrao Bisanji (Bhandara)

Shri Krishnarao Dagoji Thakur (Chimur)

Shri Vishveshwarrao Raje (Chandrapur)

Shri Santoshrao Vyankatrao Code (Wardha)

Shri Shridharrao Natthoraji Jawade (Yeatmal)

Shri Chandrakant Ramkrishna Patil (Hingoli)

Shri Rajda Ratansinh Gokuldas (Bombay South)

Shri Sheshrao Apparao Deshmukh (Parbhani)

Shri Pundlik Hari Danve (Jalna)

Doctor Babu Kaldote (Aurangabad)

Shri Gangadhar Appa Burande (Bhir)

Shri Udhavrao Sahebrao Patil (Latur)

Shri Surajratan Fatechand Damani (Sholapur)

Shri Sandipan Bhagwan Thorat (Pandharpur)

Shri Annasaheb Pandurang Shinde (Ahmednagar)

Shri Eknathrao Vithalrao Vikhe (Kopergaon)

Shri Annasaheb Magar (Khed)

Shri Mohan Dharla (Poona)

Shri Sambhajirao Kakade (Baramati)

Shri Ganapatrao Tukaram Gotkhunde (Sangli)

Shri Rajaram Mane alias Balasaheb Shankarrao (Ichalkaranji)

Shri Dajiba Balwantrao Desai (Kolhapur)

Shri N. Tombi Singh (Inner Manipur)

Shri Shaiza Yangmaso (Outer Manipur)

Shri A. Sangma Purna (Tura)

Shri Chandra Mohan Sinha (Mayurbhanj)

Shri Rama Chandra Mallick (Jaipur)

Shri Jena Bairagi (Bhadrak)

Shri Santarendra Kundu (Balasore)

Shri Bijayananda Pattanayak (Kendrapara)

Shri Sarat Kumar Kar (Cuttack)

Shri Kishore Bal Pradyumna (Jagatsinghpur)

Shri Padmacharan Samantasinha (Puri)

Shri Sivaji Patnalk (Bhubaneswar)

14.50 hrs

[SHRI K RAGHU RAMAIAH in the
Chair]

Shri Ramachandra Rath (Aska)
Shri R Jagannath Rao (Berhampur)
Shri Giridhar Gomango (Koraput)
Shri Pratap Keshari Deo (Kalahandi)
Shri Sribatcha Digal (Phulbani)
Shri Ainthu Sahoo (Bolangir)
Shri Gananath Pradhan (Sambalpur)
Shri Pabitra Mohan Pradhan (Deo-
garh)
Shri Debendra Satpathy (Dhenkanal)
Shri Debananda Amaṭ (Sundargarh)
Shri Govinda Mundṛ (Keonjhar)
Dr Baldev Parkash (Amritsar)
Shri Yagya Datt (Gurdaspur)
Shri Mohan Singh Tur (Tarn Taran)

15.00 hrs.

Shri Iqbal Singh Dhillon (Jullundur)
Shri Bhagaṭ Ram (Phillaur)
Shri Balbir Singh (Hoshiarpur)
Shri Basant Singh (Ropar)
Shri Gurcharan Singh Thora (Pati-
ala)
Shri Jagdev Singh Talwandi (Ludhuana)
Shri Surjit Singh (Sangrur)
Shri Dhanna Singh (Bhatinda)
Shri Parkash Singh (Faridkot)
Shri Bega Ram (Ganganagar)
Shri Hari Ram Mukkasar (Bikaner)
Shri Kanhaiya Lal (Jhunjhunu)
Shri Jagdish Prasad Mathur (Sikar)

Shri Satish Chander (Jaipur)
Shri Ramjilal Yadaṽ (Alwar)
Shri Ram Kishan (Bharatpur)
Shri Srikanan Sharda (Ajmer)
Shri Ram Kanwar (Tonk)
Shri Krishna Kumar Goyal (Kota)
Shri Chaturbhuj (Jhalawar)
Shri Heera Bhai (Banswara)
Shri Laliya (Salumber)
Shri Shyam Sunder (Chittorgarh)
Shri Amriṭ Nahata (Pali)
Shri Tansingh (Barmer)
Shri Ranchhordas Gattani (Jodhpur)
Shri Chhatra Bahadur Chhetri (Sik-
kim)
Shri A V P Asai Thambi (Madras
North)
Shri P Ramachandran (Madras Cen-
tral)
Shri R Venkataraman (Madras
South)
Shri S Jaganathan (Sriperumbudur)
Shri R Mohanaragam (Chengal-
pattu)
Shri O V. Alagesan (Arkonam)
Shri Venugopal Gounder (Wandi-
wash)
Shri C. N Visvanathan (Tiruppattur)
Shri M R Lakshminarayanan (Tindi-
vanam)
Shri G Bhuvarahan (Cuddalore)
Shri A. Murugesan (Chidambaram)
Shri K Ramamurthy (Dharmapuri)
Shri P V Periasamy (Krishnagiri)
Shri P Kannan (Salem)
Shri B Devarajan (Rasipuram)

15.25 hrs.

[THE SPEAKER pro tem (SHRI D N TIWARI) in the Chair]

Shri R Kolanthalaiyudu (Tiruchengode)

Shri P S Ramalingam (Nilgiris)

Shri K S Ramaswamy (Gobichettipalayam)

Shri K A Raju (Pollachi)

Shri C Subramaniam (Palani)

Shri K Maya Thevar (Dindigul)

Shri R V Swaminathan (Madurai)

Shri S Ramasamy (Periyalulam)

Shri K Gopal (Karur)

Shri M Kalvanasundaram (Tiruchirappalli)

Shri J Asokaraj (Perambalur)

Shri S D Somasundaram (Thanjavur)

Shri S G Murugavan (Vagamon)

Shri V S Flanzechian (Pudukkottai)

Shri P Thiagarajan (Sivaganga)

Shri P Anbalagan (Ramanathapuram)

Shrimati V Jesalakshmi (Sivakasi)

Shri V Arunachalam (Tirunelveli)

Shri M Arunachalam (Tenkasi)

Shri K T Kosalram (Tiruchendur)

Kumari Ananthan (Nagercoil)

Dr Murlu Manohar Joshi (Almora)

Shri Mahi Lal (Bijnor)

Shri Trepan Singh Negi (Tehri Garhwal)

Shri Gulam Mohd Khan (Moradabad)

Shri Rajendra Kumar Sharma (Rampur)

Shri Onkar Singh (Budaun)

Shri Brij Raj Singh (Aonla)

Shri Ram Murti (Barilly)

Shri Surendra Vikram (Shahjahanpur)

Shri Mohd Shamsul Haasan Khan (Pilibhit)

Shri Raghavendra Singh (Unnao)

Shri Roop Nath Singh Yadava (Pratapgarh)

Shri Ravindra Pratap Singh (Amethi)

Shri Hargovind Verma (Sitapur)

Shri Zulfikar Ullah (Sultanpur)

Shri Mangal Deo Ashraf (Akbarpur)

Shri Rulca Sen (Kailash)

Shri Anant Ram Jaiswal (Faizabad)

Shri Janga Bhakt Singh (Shahabad)

Shri Om Prakash Tyagi (Bahraich)

Shri Sheo Narain (Basti)

Shri Satva Deo Singh (Gonda)

Shri Brij Bhushan Tiwari (Khalilabad)

Shri Harikesh Bahadur (Gorakhpur)

Shri Shishban Lal Sakina (Maharaganj)

Shri Ram Dhari Shastri (Padrauna)

Shri Ugrasen (Deoria)

Shri Ram Naresh Kushwaha (Salempur)

Shri Ram Naresh (Azamgarh)

Shri Shiv Ram (Ghosi)

Shri Raj Keshar Singh (Machhlishahr)

Shri Yashendra Dutta Dubey (Jaunpur)

Shri Ram Sagar (Saidpur)

Shri Gauri Shankar Rai (Ghazipur)

Shri Narsingh (Chandauli)

Shri Raj Narain (Rae Bareilly)

Shri Parmal Lal (Hardoi)

Shri Jagannath Sharma (Garhwal)
 Shri Ram Kinkar (Bara Banki)
 Shri Chandra Shekhar (Ballia)
 Shri Faqir Ali (Mirzapur)
 Shri Bashir Ahmad (Fa'ehpur)
 Shri Janeswar Misra (Allahabad)
 Shri Ambika Prasad (Banda)
 Shri Tej Pratap Singh (Hamirpur)
 Shri Ram Gopal Singh (Bilhaur)
 Shri Jwala Prasad Kurcel (Ghatasm
 pur)

Shri Ram Charan (Jalsun)
 Dr Sushila Naiyar (Jhansi)

16 00 hrs

Shri Manohar Lal (Kanpur)
 Shri Ram Prakash Tripathi (Kannauj)
 Shri Raghunath Singh Verma (Main
 puri)
 Shri Mahadeepak Singh (Etah)
 Shri Dayaram Shakya (Farrukhabad)
 Shri Multan Singh Chaudhary (Jale
 sar)
 Shri Ramji Lal Suman (Firozabad)
 Shri Nawab Singh Chauhan (Aligarh)
 Shri Shambhu Nath Chaturvedi (Agra)
 Shri Ram Prasad Deshmukh (Hathras)
 Shri Mohan Lal (Kharja)
 Shri Mahmood Hasan Akbar (Deland-
 shahr)
 Shri Bharat Bhushan (Naini Tal)
 Shri Maniram Bagri (Mathura)
 Shri Bhagwan Das (Hardwar)
 Shri Rasheed Masood (Saharanpur)
 Kunwar Mahmood Ali Khan (Hapur)
 Shri Kailash Prakash (Meerut)
 Shri Saeed Mu'taza (Fuzatarnagar)

Shri Chandan Singh (Kairana)
 Shri Amarendranath Roy Pradhan
 (Cooch Behar)
 Shri Krishna Bahadur Chettri (Darjee-
 ling)
 Shri Pius Tirkey (Alipurduars)
 Shri Dinesh Chandra Joardar (Malda)
 Shri Md Hayat Ali (Raiganj)

16 14 hrs

[SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI in the Chair]

Shri Syed Kazim Ali Meerza (Mur
 shidabad)
 Shri Khagendra Nath Dasgupta (Jal
 paiguri)
 Shri Sakti Kumar Sarkar (Joynagar)
 Shri Sasankasekhar Sanyal (Jargipur)
 Shri Alhaj M A Hannan (Basrhat)
 Shri Chitta Basu (Barasat)
 Shri Renupada Das (Krishnagar)
 Shrimati Bibba Ghosh Goswami
 (Nabadwip)
 Shri Mukunda Kumar Mondol (Mathu
 rapur)
 Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu (Diamond Har
 bour)
 Shri Somnath Chatterjee (Jadavpur)
 Shri Palas Barman (Burlughat)
 Shri Asoke Krishna Datta (Dim Dum)
 Shri Sougata Roy (Barrackpore)
 Shri Bijoy Singh Nahar (Calcutta
 North West)
 Dr Protap Chandra Chatterjee (Calcutta
 North East)
 Prof Dilip Chakravarty (Calcutta
 South)
 Shri Samar Mukherjee (Howrah)
 Shri Shyamprasad Bhattacharyya
 (Uluberia)

Shri Dinen Bhattacharya (Serampore)
 Shri Bijoy Krishna Modak (Hooghly)
 Shri Prafulla Chandra Sen (Atambagh)
 Shrimati Abha Maiti (Panskura)
 Shri Sushil Kumar Dhara (Tamluk)
 Shri Sudhir Kumar Ghosal (Midnapore)
 Shri Chitta Ranjan Mahata (Purulia)
 Shri Bijay Mondal (Banskura)
 Shri Ajit Kumar Saha (Vishnupur)
 Shri Krishna Chandra Halder (Durgapur)
 Shri Jadunath Kiriya (Jhargram)
 Shri Robin Sen (Asansol)
 Shri Raj Krishna Dawn (Burdwan)
 Shri Dharendra Nath Bagu (Katwa)
 Shri Manoranjan Bhakta (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)
 Shri Rinchino Khanda Khirne (Arunchal West)
 Shri Bakin Pertin (Arunchal East)
 Shri Krishan Kant (Chandigarh)
 Shri Vijay Kumar Malhotra (South Delhi)
 Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee (New Delhi)
 Shri Kishore Lal (East Delhi)
 Shri Sikander Bakht (Chandni Chowk)
 Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta (Delhi Sadar)
 Shri Shiv Narain Sarsonia (Karol Bagh)
 Shri Kasar Amrut Shivram (Panaji)
 Shri Faleiro Eduardo Martinho (Mormugao)
 Shri Muhammed Sayeed Padannatha (Lakshadweep)
 Dr R. Rothurana (Mozoram)
 Shri Aravinda Bala Pajanor (Pondicherry)

Shri Tambura Balakrishnaiah (Tirupathi)
 Shri Ramdeo Singh (M'haraiganj)
 Shri Thakur Ramapati Singh (Motihari)
 Shri Fazlur Rehman (Dettiah)
 Shri Surendra Jha Suman (Darbhanga)
 Shri Ninubhai Nichhatba Patel (Dudhar)
 Shri Raghubir Singh (Kurukshetra)
 Shri Shankardev Balaji Rao (Bidar)
 Shri G Y Krishnan (Kolar)
 Shri Hukamchand Kachhwal (Ujjain)
 Shri Narmada Prasad Raj (Sagar)
 Shri Drigpalshah Keshrishah (Bistar)
 Shri Aghansingh Bhawan Singh (Kanker)
 Shrimati Premalabai Dajisaheb Chavan (Karad)
 1630 hrs
 [THE SPEAKER pro tem (SHRI D N TRIVARY) in the Chair]
 Shri Hukam Ram (Jalore)
 Shri Bhanu Kumar Shastri (Udaipur)
 Shri Meetha Lal (Sawal Madhopur)
 Shri Nathu Singh (Dausi)
 Shri Shyam Sunder Lal (Bayana)
 Shri Nathuram (Nagaur)
 Shrimati Rino M Shaira (Nagaland)
 Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan (Coimbatore)
 Shri V Dhandayuthapari (Vellore)
 Shri N Kudantha Ramalingam (Mayuram)
 Shri Sachindralal Singha (Tripura West)
 Shri Nanaji Deshmukh (Balrampur)
 Shri Ram Dhan (Lalganj)
 Shri Chandra Shekhar (Ballia)
 Shri Ram Lal Kureel (Mohaniganj)

अध्यक्ष महोदय . सभी सदस्यों के नाम पुकारे जा चुके हैं । यदि अब भी कुछ माननीय सदस्य ऐसे हैं जिन्होंने शपथ नहीं ली है और यहाँ उपस्थित हैं तो वे अब शपथ ले सकते हैं ।

अब ऐसा कोई सदस्य नहीं रहा है जो उपस्थित हो और जिसने शपथ ग्रहण नहीं की हो ।

सभा कल 26 मार्च, 1977 के मध्याह्न पूर्व ग्यारह बजे तक के लिए स्थगित होती है ।

17 00 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Saturday March 26, 1977/Chaitra 5, 1899 (Saka)

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Saturday, March 26 1977/Chaitra 5,
1899 (Saka)

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock*

[THE SPEAKER pro tem (SHRI D N
TIWARI in the Chair)]

अध्यक्ष महोदय अब जिन सदस्यों
के नाम पुकारे जायेंगे वे शपथ लेंगे या
प्रतिज्ञान करेंगे।

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Charan Narzary (Kokrajhar)

Shri George J Mathew (Muvattu
puzha)

Shri Madan Bhaliya (Janjgir)

Shri Govinda Ram Miri Wakil (Saran
garh)

Shri Keshavrao Shankarrao Dhondge
(Nanded)

Shri Khagapati Pradhani (Nowrang
pur)

Shri Kirit Bikram Kishore Deb Barma
(Tripura East)

Shri Chandra Pal Singh (Amroha)

Shrimati Shanti Devi (Samtall)

Shri Phurangi Prasad (Bansgaon)

Shri Shoo Sampat (Robertsganj)

Shri Samar Guha (Contal)

Shri Brahm Perkash (Outer Delhi)

11 15 hrs.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अब श्री मोचरारी
देवाई धाना प्रस्ताव पेश करेंगे।

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THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI
MORARJI DESAI) Sir I beg to move

That Shri N Sanjiva Reddy, a
Member of this House be chosen as
the Speaker of this House

अध्यक्ष महोदय श्री यशवंतराव
चव्हाण इस प्रस्ताव का अनुमोदन करेंगे।

SHRI YASHVANTRAO CHAVAN
(Satara) Sir, I rise to support the
proposal made by the Prime Minister
that Shri N Sanjiva Reddy be chosen as
the Speaker of this House

अध्यक्ष महोदय प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत हुआ :

'कि श्री एन० सजीव रेड्डी को,
जो इस सभा के सदस्य हैं, इस सभा
का अध्यक्ष चुना जाये।'

इस विषय पर और भी प्रस्ताव हैं, लेकिन
मैं समझता हूँ कि अब उन की जरूरत नहीं है।

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA
(Delhi Sadar) They are on the agenda
Those Members should be asked to
move their motions

अध्यक्ष महोदय अब मैं इस प्रस्ताव को
भाप के मत के लिए रखता हूँ।

अब यह है :

'कि श्री एन० सजीव रेड्डी को, जो
इस सभा के सदस्य हैं, इस सभा का
अध्यक्ष चुना जाये।'

इस प्रस्ताव के पक्ष में बहुत अधिक
बहुमत है। मैं घोषणा करता हूँ कि श्री एन०
संजीव रेड्डी विधिवत् इस सभा के अध्यक्ष
निर्वाचित हुए हैं।

The motion was adopted

अध्यक्ष महोदय अब मैं बटे हूँ के
साथ श्री एन० सजीव रेड्डी को अध्यक्ष पद
पर आसीन होना का लिए अभिनन्दित करता हूँ।

आप सब लोग जानते हैं कि श्री एन०
सजीव रेड्डी इस सदन के लिये नये आदमी
नहीं हैं। वे 1967 के बाद इस सभा का अध्यक्ष
रहे हैं और बड़ी योग्यता से उन्होंने कार्य
निभाया है। मैं आशा करता हूँ कि भगवान
उनको शक्ति दे कि वे निष्पक्ष रूप से इस सभा
का काम निभा सकें।

(Shri N. Sanjiva Reddy was conducted
to the Chair by the Prime Minister and
Shri Yashwantrao Chavan)

[MR. SPEAKER (SHRI N. SANJIVA REDDY)
in the Chair]

11 18 hrs.

FELICITATIONS TO THE SPEAKER

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI
MORARJI DESAI) Mr Speaker Sir
I deem it our good fortune that this
august House has elected Shri N. San-
jiva Reddy as its Speaker

Shri Reddy occupies an eminent
place in national life by dint of his
contribution to the freedom movement
and his distinguished and varied ser-
vices over the years. Besides his re-
putation as administrator, he is a
veteran Parliamentarian. His Speaker-
ship of the Fourth Lok Sabha is re-
membered for the dignity, fairplay and
the unfailing good humour which he
brought to the discharge of the duties
of this high office. By electing him
again as Speaker the Sixth Lok Sabha
has found the right person for the
right place.

The Lok Sabha is the repository of
the sovereignty of the people. The
Speaker is the custodian of the
authority of the Lok Sabha. The peo-
ple of India have just given expres-
sion to their will with fearlessness and

faith and in a manner that the whole
world has applauded. Great things are
expected from the new Parliament. It
has not only to undo the wrong, that
had crept into the body politic and
governmental functioning but to en-
sure that the hopes of the millions are
fulfilled speedily through wise and
practical economic and social policies.
It is our good fortune to have a per-
son of Shri Reddy's vast experience
and maturity to conduct our delibera-
tions.

The composition and character of the
Lok Sabha have undergone a change
unimagined until a little while ago.
I have always believed that the pro-
per functioning of democracy requires
a constructive relationship between the
Government and the Opposition. Poli-
cies may differ but there should be an
unqualified loyalty to the good of the
nation and the needs and aspirations
of our people. I do hope under the
guidance of Shri Sanjiva Reddy who
is known for the art of smooth con-
duct of debate and discussion, this Lok
Sabha will prove itself a vigilant
watchdog of the rights and freedom
of the people.

I offer my own felicitations and those
of all sections of the House and the
country at large to Shri Sanjiva Reddy.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN
(Satara) I rise to join the Prime
Minister in congratulating Mr Speaker
on his election to this august and high
office. Mr Speaker Sir, you are not
new to this office. You have held this
office with distinction in the stormy
years of 1967-68. I am sure your
wisdom, your skill will certainly be of
immense use to the conduct of busi-
ness of this hon. House. The purpose-
ful and dignified working of this sover-
eign body is of supreme importance
to Indian democracy and therefore
as a Speaker I am sure you have a
very important part to play. While I
do not want to bring in any contro-
versial issues to begin with, I am sorry
the Prime Minister unnecessarily

touched some of the controversial aspects. But, I do not want to make this mistake on this first occasion I would certainly like to assure you besides congratulating you on my behalf on behalf of every Member on this side that in the interest of Indian Democracy in the interest of policies that the nation has believed in so far and for which we have worked for the last thirty years after independence, we would give you all cooperation May I again say Very well done before please do better in future

श्री जगजीवन राम (सासाराम) ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह बड़ी प्रसन्नता की बात है कि सदन को आप जैसा अध्यक्ष उपलब्ध हुआ है। जिन लोगों को इस सदन में पहले रहने का सौभाग्य मिला है, उन्होंने देखा है कि जिस खूबी और खूबसूरती के साथ आपने सदन का काम चलाया है। जब कभी किसी सदस्य को आपने समय नहीं भी दिया, तो वह भी इस तरह से किया कि उसको कोई तकलीफ न महसूस हो। जिस किसी सदस्य को आपने चुप भी कराया उसको आपने हसा कर चुप कराया। ये सब ऐसी खुशियाँ हैं, जो सब व्यक्तियों में नहीं पाई जाती हैं यह आप की विशेषता है।

इस सदन का स्वरूप बदला है। यह पहला अवसर है कि सदन में एक विपक्षी दल रस्मी तरीके से प्रबल हुआ है। लोकतन्त्र की सफलता के लिए सत्ताह्व दल और प्रतिपक्ष का होना बहुत ही आवश्यक है। लेकिन यह भी आवश्यक है कि उन दोनों का लक्ष्य होना चाहिए जनता का कल्याण, देश का उत्थान और देश को शक्तिशाली बनाना। मैं मानता हूँ कि इस कार्य में सत्ताह्व दल और प्रतिपक्ष दोनों मिल कर कार्य करेंगे, क्योंकि दोनों का लक्ष्य एक ही है।

यह कहना मुझे घनावश्यक प्रतीत होता है कि आप निष्पक्ष रूप से इस सदन का कार्य चलायेंगे, क्योंकि आपने पहले ही यह सिद्ध कर दिया है कि आप की कार्यवाही से सदन के

सभी दलों को प्रसन्नता और सन्तोष रहा है। मैं एक-दूसरा फिर आपको बढ़ाई देता हूँ।

SHRI P K DEO (rose)

Some hon Members rose

MR. SPEAKER Will you kindly be seated? Not all of you together— One or the other only I can call not all of you together

Shri P K Deo

SHRI P K DEO (Kalahandi) I join with my friends in offering our felicitations to you and I congratulate you for having assumed this high office

You acquitted yourself as a great Speaker and upheld the high traditions of this House with great dignity

Yesterday we took oath to uphold the Constitution and now you preside over the House whose power as per the amended Constitution has been over emphasized at the cost of the judiciary The constitutional amendments are not for judicial review God forbid an irresponsible Parliament may not delete Art 368 which gives the amending power of the Parliament or plant one Juan Carlos as the monarch of this country as in Spain Even the poor man's access to the High Court under Art 226 has been denied for any other purpose With this background and with the election results in view you will be guiding the proceedings of this House After all people are supreme and their voice has to be reflected in this House

We the Independents, however insignificant we may be in number should be given sufficient time to make our view points heard I hope you will always hear dispassionate and independent views from the Independent Members as you are insulated against any political pressure We neither have any personal axe to grind nor have to aspire for the corridors of power

With these words I pledge my loyal support to you

[Shri Aravinda Bala Pajamor]

themselves freely, as each Member represents lakhs of people of the country. Once again, democracy has triumphed in this country. We have great faith in secularism, socialism and democracy. At the same time we have to look to the right of the minorities. On this occasion my leader Mr MGR has categorically expressed the hope that we will function as constructive opposition both inside the House and outside the House maintaining the decency and decorum of the House.

On behalf of our party I congratulate you and I offer my felicitations to you and I assure you that we will function as a dignified and dutiful opposition party offering our constructive criticisms. I am sure, Sir, that you will guide the House by your varied experience. My party has lot of new faces and I am seeing many new faces here also. I am sure you will conduct the deliberations of the House with your wise guidance and without any partiality and make Parliamentary democracy a success in this country.

श्री सश्री नारायण नायक (छजुराही) :

माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, आज आप के अध्यक्षीय पद पर निर्वाचित होने के लिये आप को हार्दिक बधाई देता हूँ। सारे भारत की निगाह आज इस लोकसभा की ओर सजी हुई है। आप के अध्यक्षीय पद पर आसीन रहते हुए इस लोकसभा में जो भविष्यवाणी या प्रस्ताव पारित हों, वे इस बात का सूत्र हैं जिन की भावना हमारे देश की जनता लगाये हुए है, जिनके द्वारा हमारे देश की गरीबी, भूख-परी और बेकारी दूर हो सके। हम यहाँ पर ऐसे प्रस्ताव रखें जिनसे हमारे देश की इन समस्याओं का समाधान हो सके। जिस तरह से वे बाद हमारे देश की जनता में

एक उबरदस्त उत्साह पैदा हुआ था, एक भाषा बघी थी, उसी तरह से हम इस नई लोकसभा के द्वारा ऐसे काम करें जिससे सारे देश में एक उत्साह पैदा हो।

मैं, अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप के माध्यम से यह भी कहना चाहता हूँ कि हम जितने भी नये निर्वाचित सदस्य यहाँ भाये हैं, सभी मिल कर आप की सहायता करते हुए इस लोकसभा की गरिमा को बढ़ाने का प्रयास करें।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं बार बार आप को बधाई देता हूँ।

*SHRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI (Madras North) Mr Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, it is not only a great privilege but also an honour to me to extend my hearty felicitations to you on your assumption of the august office of Speaker of Lok Sabha.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention that, had the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam supported you when you contested the presidential election, the history of India would have taken a different turn. The nineteen months of incarceration of the Opposition Parties and the indignities that the country had been put to could have been averted. I am happy that I have been given this opportunity to welcome you in atonement of our past act. I am sure that under your guidance the noble democratic ideals will not only be cherished but will also flourish with fervour. I have no hesitation in saying that the Opposition Parties will be functioning effectively under you. On behalf of the D. M. K., I will extend my fullest co-operation to you.

MR. SPEAKER Friends, I am deeply grateful to the hon. Members of the House for the confidence they have reposed in me by electing me to this exalted office of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

speech was delivered in Tamil.

I would also like to express my grateful thanks to the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition and the Leaders of various groups for the kind words they have spoken about me

I am well aware of the heavy responsibilities which I am required to shoulder in the discharge of my duties and this, I must frankly admit, has made me somewhat overwhelmed and, shall I say, a little diffident. But, in view of the generosity you have shown by electing me, I do hope that I shall prove worthy of the great trust that has been reposed in me. The kind sentiments expressed by the hon. Members from both sides of the House embolden me to look to the future with confidence and courage. This brings to my mind the affection and respect with which I was treated when I held the office of Speaker in the Fourth Lok Sabha. All sections of the House then cooperated with me and, I believe I was able to discharge the functions of my office to their satisfaction. Now, your indulgence, faith and love shall sustain me through thick and thin. As a firm believer in democratic ideals and sure of getting full cooperation from every section of the House I am confident that my task will not be as difficult as it would otherwise be.

The country has recently witnessed one of the largest elections ever held in the history of the democratic world involving some 320 million people. This goes to prove once again that democracy has taken deep roots in this country, belying the doubts and misgivings entertained at various times in several quarters. It is further significant that this election as well as all the previous ones held since the emergence of our Republic have been so peaceful as to draw the admiration of the world as regards the political maturity of our people. They have also proved that the Indian people have unflinching faith in re-

presentative institutions and can take part in the political process without in any way impairing the national unity or endangering the structure of the State.

I am not unaware of the special obligation of the Speaker to protect the rights of all sections of the House especially of the Members on the Opposition benches. I, on my part, would like to assure the House that I shall never allow myself to forget that responsibility and shall always endeavour to the best of my capacity to regulate the proceedings of the House in a way that would be in keeping with the highest traditions of this noble institution and further enhance the prestige and dignity of the Office of the Speaker. At the same time, I hope that every section of the House as well as individual Members will extend to me their full cooperation in conducting the business of the House in a manner that would do credit to us as representatives of the people entrusted with the great task of taking this nation forward to further prosperity and progress. It is only in such a spirit of service and dedication to the causes of freedom and democracy which we hold dear that we can hope to lay the firm foundations of an effective parliamentary forum.

I thank you once again for the great honour bestowed on me and assure you all of my complete devotion to the service of the House.

11 44 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : May I, Sir, introduce some of the members of the Cabinet who were sworn in? I won't be able to do so for all of them because some of them are not present. So, I am introducing those who are

[Shri Morarji Desai]

present and, for the rest, I shall have the privilege of doing it on Monday

- 1 Shri Parkash Singh Badal
- 2 Shri Sikander Bakht
- 3 Dr Protap Chandra Chunder
- 4 Prof Madhu Dandavate
- 5 Shri Mohan Dharja
- 6 Shri P Ramachandran
- 7 Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee
8. Shri Ravindra Verma.

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11 45 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) Mr Speaker, Sir it is my melancholy duty to move a Resolution to give expression to the Lok Sabha's grief over the demise of President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. The late President was a staunch nationalist from his early years and was one of the finest gentlemen in our political life. Selfless, modest but firm in his loyalty to the ideals which have built up our nation, he won the affection of our people. I was privileged to know him and work with him for many years. He had a remarkable gift for maintaining his equanimity in moments of stress and crisis. Through his culture and unfailing courtesy he added new dignity to the office of the President of India.

The Lok Sabha also remembers him as a conscientious parliamentarian.

His passing away has deprived the nation of a guide and statesman of rare quality.

I request all sections of the House to join me in requesting the Speaker to convey Lok Sabha's condolences to Begum Abida Ahmed and to other members of the family.

I beg to move the following Resolution

'That the Lok Sabha expresses its profound sorrow at the sudden death of the President of India, Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and pledges itself to promote the high ideals of patriotism, national unity, secularism and the service of humanity which he upheld'

SHRI YASHVANTRAO CHAVAN (Satara) I rise to pay our humble homage to the great son of India, the late President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. As I said he was a great son of India who participated in the Indian national Independence struggle. He was one of the few men to whom it was given to serve the country before the Independence and even during the post Independence period of reconstruction of modern India. He was educated in England. As a lawyer while he practised in Assam and in Calcutta too he never lost his contact with Delhi. He had if I can borrow the word of Prof. Rashidun, the simplicity of Assam, he had the ruggedness of the tribals he had the sophistication of the Urdu culture of Delhi.

Sir I had the privilege of knowing him personally for the last more than 15 years. He was associated with my Party from the days of 1931 and as such, when I came in contact with him he was connected with the very leading policy-making organs of our Party. If you look at him as a man, as a sportsman as a Minister and lastly as President what stands out is the man behind. He was religious by nature but he was secular in his convictions and conduct. As a Minister he had held many offices and he had held them with great distinction. He had functioned in this House as a Member of this House. I think many of the old Members know him with what grace he functioned in this House.

He participated in the national struggle and suffered with millions of other

citizens of India and he was thus one of the architects of Independence of India. As a man, Sir, he was simple in his natural behaviour. His disarming smile and his graceful and gentle conduct as a President won the hearts of millions of people.

It is a great tragedy that he is no more amongst us. He was highly respected as a man and as President in whatever country he visited. Only a few days before he died he had visited Malaysia. Unfortunately he came back and he fell seriously sick and died. We consider him as a great Indian, a great Congressman and a great President. We shall always remember him as the ideal person and follow in his footsteps.

Sir, I pay my humble homage to him.

श्री जजिबन राम (सासाराम) :

अध्यक्ष जी दिवंगत राष्ट्रपति श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद भारतीय सस्कृति में जो कुछ सुन्दर है, उसका प्रतीक वे । वे राजनीति के मोड़ों पर ही साथ ही साथ उनमें मानवीय गुणों का सम्मिश्रण भी बहुत ही सुन्दर ढंग से हुआ था । भारत मित्र मित्र धर्मों का देश है । सभी धर्मों का आदर होना भारतीय सस्कृति का एक अविच्छिन्न अंग है । श्री फखरुद्दीन अली अहमद इसमें विश्वास ही नहीं रखते थे बल्कि यह उनका जीवन का एक अंग भी बन गया था और इसलिए भारत के सभी लोगों के लिए वह प्रिय बन गए थे ।

वह एक खिलाड़ी थे । वह राजनीति में भी खेल खेलते थे और जब कभी मोरा था तो इस बात को बतला देते थे कि हार और जीत में प्रमत्त रहना एक खिलाड़ी का अच्छा काम होता है । मन्त्रिमण्डल में भी वह रहे और जिन लोगों को उनके साथ काम करने का अवसर मिला उन्होंने यह देखा कि कार्य की सफलता के साथ-साथ उनके मानवता के करने वालों में विश्वास पैदा करता, उनका

प्रेम लेना यह भी उनका एक गुण था । उनके चले जाने से भारत का एक महान पुरुष चला गया है और उन के स्थान की पूर्ति होना सम्भव नहीं है । जिन लोगों को उनके साथ राजनीति में काम करने का अवसर मिला, उन्होंने यह भी देखा कि राजनीति के अन्दर भी वह उदारता बरता करते थे और उदारता इस बात से चलती थी कि भारतीय सस्कृति में उनका बहुत विश्वास था । वह मानते थे कि भारतीय सस्कृति एक मिश्रित सस्कृति है और सभी लोगों की मिली जुली सस्कृति है । उनके गुणों को हम स्मरण रखें तो हमारा राष्ट्रीय जीवन सम्पन्न बन सकता है ।

उनके प्रति हम जितनी भी संवेदना प्रकट करें थोड़ी होगी । इन शब्दों के साथ मैं उनके प्रति श्रद्धाजलि अर्पित करता हूँ और उनके परिवार वालों के प्रति संवेदना प्रकट करना चाहता हूँ ।

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah) Mr Speaker, Sir, on behalf of my Party, I fully associate myself with the sentiments expressed here in offering our condolences and homage to the departed President. I was not so thick with him though I had the privilege of coming in contact with him. The quality in him which attracted me was that he was above communalism and he carried forward the tradition of nationalist Muslims. The country was not prepared for this news of his sudden death, there was some confusion when the news of his sudden death came. No doubt, his death and absence at a critical time has been felt throughout the country.

On behalf of our Party, I request you to convey our condolences to the bereaved family.

SHRI K. MAYATHIVAR (Dindigul) Mr Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the All-India Anna D.M.K., I convey my sorrowful condolences on the death of the President to the members of his bereaved family and request you to convey the same to them.

granted by the Congress High Command to form coalition government with any other party but just after his election as President Netaji went to Shillong and he reached the house of Fakhruddin Saheb. It was his personality that initiated Fakhruddin Saheb into the heart of national liberation movement in India and the main current of our national struggle.

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He stayed at the house of Fakhruddin Saheb and asked Shri Bardoloi and Fakhruddin Saheb to move a non-confidence motion against the Saadullah Ministry. Saadullah Ministry fell and it was Netaji who was sitting there at that time with the help of Fakhruddin Saheb requested Bardoloi to set up a Congress Ministry in Assam although at that time the Congress High Command did not permit it. But as you know Netaji was daring and dashing he did not wait for any permission from the Congress High Command. But with the help of Fakhruddin Saheb the first Congress Ministry was set up in Assam and thus with the help of Fakhruddin Saheb Assam was saved from a catastrophe the catastrophe of becoming the victim of partition. Fakhruddin Saheb when he became the President in his Radio and TV broadcast mentioned in an expression of deep feeling that he was initiated into Indian national politics by Netaji.

I have had many occasions to meet him as a Minister as also as President and even when I went to see him in connection with some official work, he would introduce each and every time some of the ideals and feelings which he derived from Netaji. On 25th June 1975 at about 6 p.m. I had a half an hour discussion with Fakhruddin Saheb. At a very crucial and critical moment how sensitive his mind was was witnessed by me during the discussion. I do not want to convey the controversial content of that discussion now. And then the very night I was arrested under MISA. When I was released I had

occasion to meet him and he was so sensitive and so compassionate towards me that he immediately asked his personal doctor Dr Caroli to take care of my health. Sir I want to say that Fakhruddin Saheb was not only above communalism but he was much more than that. He was a true Indian and he carried the spirit of Indian nationalism. I do not want to use the word in a negative sense not only was he a true Indian a true Indian nationalist but he carried the great heritage of Indian culture. He was a man of high dignity and a man of fine sensitivity and human feeling and that was the characteristic of a man of high dignity and cultural complexion with a deep commitment to Indian nationalism. Sir when we pay homage to him, we should remember his dedication to the spirit of Indian nationalism.

SHRI P. K. DEO (Kalahandi)
Mr Speaker Sir I associate myself with the sentiments of sorrow that have been expressed in this House by various friends on the sad demise of our dear President Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.

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Everybody who is born has to die some day. But he was snatched away from the public life while he was in office by the cruel hands of Death. The public life of this country has become poorer by the absence of this great Indian. Sir he was the embodiment of humility and humanity and I have had great regard for him. I had the privilege of working in this House with him for several years and I simply admired him. While in office after returning from his strenuous journey from Malaysia he succumbed to death. I express my sorrow and I pay my homage and tribute to him and offer my condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS (Kottayam) Sir the sad demise of the late President Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed is a great loss to the

[Shri Skariah Thomas]

nation He was a freedom fighter, an able administrator and a protector of the minorities. We the members of the Kerala Congress Parliamentary group offer our condolences to the bereaved members of his family

श्री श्री बख्शोर सिंह (होमियारपुर) :

प्रथम महोदय, मैं स्वर्गीय श्री फ़ख़रुद्दीन अली अहमद की मौत पर उन की श्रद्धांजलि भेंट करने के लिए यहां हुआ हूँ। हम देश के करोड़ों लोगों में ऐसी धारणा बनी है कि उन की मौत मुदरती हालात में नहीं हुई और हमारे में उनमें बहुत प्रसन्नता है। इसलिए मैं सरकार और श्री मोरारजी देसाई से कहूँगा कि वह हम मार में एकबायरी कराये कि जिन हालात में उन की मौत हुई, ताकि लोगों को पता चले कि वह मुदरती मौत भरे हैं या नहीं।

श्री फ़ख़रुद्दीन अली अहमद एक बहुत बड़े इंसान थे।

प्रशिक्षण से बेहतर है इंसान होना, मगर इसमें होती है मेहनत ज्यादा। वह इंसानियत के पुजारी थे। मैं फिर कहूँगा कि सरकार इस बात की एकबायरी कराये कि उनकी मौत जिन हालात में हुई।

PROF P G MAVALANKAR (Gandhinagar) Sir, I rise to pay my respectful homage to our late President, Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. His sudden death has left us all deeply shocked and distressed. He was a gentle and sensitive soul. His two qualities among many, which attracted all towards him always were his simplicity and charm. His sincerity of purpose and sportsmanship were also qualities which lent a special flavour and a special meaning to the public and political life of our democratic Republic. President

Ahmed was a sportsman not only in the sense that he played tennis, golf, hockey, cricket and other games but he also played well by observing the rules of the game in politics and in public life as a true sportsman. He took his victories and defeats in the manner in which a true sportsman would take his victories and defeats. One can hardly see a better and nobler example of secularism—

“स्वं धर्मं समभाव” स्वं धर्मं समभाव

that was very beautifully symbolised in our late President. His humility and qualities of head and heart will be an example for all to follow in this great Republic of ours. I join this honourable House in requesting you, Sir, to convey our sincere condolences to Begum Abida Ahmed and other members of the bereaved family.

MR. SPEAKER With a heavy heart laden with grief and sorrow, I join the House in paying my humble tribute to our revered President, the late Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. I fully associate myself with the sentiments expressed here by the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Leaders of Opposition Groups and other Members on the passing away of Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed. He was an illustrious statesman who symbolised the best traditions of India's composite culture. During his long association with Parliament, he had endeared himself to all sections of the House by his parliamentary skill and amiable nature. We deeply mourn the loss of this great son of India. We convey our heart felt condolences to Begum Abida Ahmed and other members of the bereaved family.

I would now request hon. Members to rise in their places to show their approval of the Resolution moved by the Prime Minister and to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President.

The members then stood in silence for a short while.

SHRI P K DEO (Kalahandi) Sir,
under Rule 277 . . .

MR SPEAKER I am on my legs.

MR SPEAKER The Resolution
is adopted As a mark of respect to
the memory of the late Shri Fakhrud
din Ali Ahmed, the House stands

adjourned to meet again on Monday,
the 28th March, 1977 half-an-hour
after the Address by the Vice-Presi-
dent acting as President

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till
half-an-hour after the address by
the Vice-President acting as Presi-
dent, on Monday, March 29 1977/
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LOK SABHA

Monday March 28 1977/Chaitra 7
1899 (A. T. G.)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[Mr SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Bindhyeshwari Prasad Manda
(Madhepura)

Shri Ebrahim Sulaiman Sait
(Manjeri)

Shri Sreekantan Nair (Quilon)

Shri Narendrasingh Yadvendrasingh
(Damoh)

Shri Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna
(Lucknow)

Shri Ram Lal Rahi (Mirriakh)

Shri Ram Nihor Rakesh (Chail)

Shri Saradish Roy (Bolgpur)

Shri Gadadhar Saha (Birbhum)

Shri Ramubhai Rabjibhai Patel
(Dadra and Nagar Haveli)

11.55 hrs.

ADDRESS BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT

SECRETARY-GENERAL Sir I lay
on the Table a copy of the Address by
the Vice President acting as President
to both Houses of Parliament
assembled together on the 28th March
1977

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Address by the Vice President acting
as President

माननीय सदस्य (ण)

मैं नई लोक सभा के सदस्यों को बधाई
देता हूँ और छठी सप्ताह के समुक्त अधिवेशन
में आप सब का स्वागत करता हूँ।

इस अवसर पर जब हम एक सौम्य और
परिचित चेहरा नहीं देखते तो मेरे विचार
हमारे भूतपूर्व राष्ट्रपति श्री फखरुद्दीन अली
अहमद की ओर जाते हैं जो एक वरिष्ठ
राजनीतिज्ञ विवेकपूर्ण सलाहकार, अनुभवी
अनुवा तब सज्जन पुरुष थे। आज हम उनका
निधन पर शोक प्रकट करते हैं और वेगम
प्राविदा अहमद को अपनी हार्दिक संवेदनार्थ
देते हैं।

अभी जो आम चुनाव हुआ है उससे प्रभाव-
पूर्ण तथा निर्णायक ढंग से यह सिद्ध हो गया
है कि जनता की अपनी ताकत लोकतन्त्रात्मक
प्रक्रिया की जीवन शक्ति जिसकी जड़ जमी
है पर कितना भरोसा है। जनता ने प्रशासक
के मनमानेपन तथा व्यक्ति-पूजा के अभ्युदय
तथा गैर संबंध निक शक्ति केन्द्र के विपक्ष
व्यक्तित्व स्वतंत्रता लोकतन्त्र तथा विधि-
नियम के पक्ष में अपना स्पष्ट निर्णय दिया है।
यह चुनाव हमारी लोकतन्त्रात्मक व्यवस्था की
एक स्वस्थ दो-दलीय प्रणाली के विकास
की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील-पत्थर है।

मेरी सरकार जनता द्वारा दिए गए निर्णय
का हर तरह से पालन करने के लिए बचनबद्ध
है। ऐसा करने में यह मान कर नहीं चला
जाया कि जनता कुछ नहीं जानती और

चलाया गया उससे जनता में जितना आक्रोश देखा गया वह पहले कभी नहीं देखा गया। इससे इस कार्यक्रम को, जो राष्ट्र के कल्याण के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है, भारी नुकसान पहुंचा। परिवार नियोजन एक ऐच्छिक कार्यक्रम तथा एक व्यापक नीति के अन्तर्गत अग्र के रूप में जोरदार ढंग से चलाया जाएगा, जिसमें शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, मातृ-वेन्द्र और बाल कल्याण, परिवार-कल्याण, महिला अधिकार तथा पीढ़िक आहार शामिल हैं।

आर्थिक क्षेत्र में सरकार 10 वर्षों की अवधि में गरीबी हटाने के लिए बचनबद्ध है। ग्रामीण क्षेत्र की अपेक्षाकृत उपेक्षा से अर्थ-व्यवस्था में एक गहन अस्तित्व उत्पन्न हुआ, जिससे लोग गांव से शहरों की ओर जाने लगे हैं। किसानों को अपने उत्पादन का उचित दाम नहीं मिला है। कृषि तथा सम्बद्ध विभागों के लिए विनियोजन बहुत ही अपर्याप्त है और गांवों की स्थिति सुधारने की आवश्यकता पर बहुत कम ध्यान दिया गया। एक लाख से ज्यादा गांवों में पाने के पानी जैसी प्राथमिक सुविधा भी नहीं है। मेरी सरकार रोजगार उन्मुख नीति अपनाएगी, जिसमें कृषि विकास, कृषि उद्योग, छोटे और बुटीर उद्योगों को, विशेष रूप से ग्रामीण इलाकों में प्राथमिकता मिलेगी। ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में न्यूनतम आवश्यकताओं के प्रावधानों तथा समग्र ग्रामीण विकास को भी ऊँची प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी। पंचवर्षीय योजना की यथामुल्य समीक्षा की जाएगी योजना की प्रक्रिया में फिर से प्राण संचार किया जायेगा और छोटी पंचवर्षीय योजना पर ध्विलय काम शुरू होगा। इस साल बाद में अंतिम बजट पेश करते समय उन आर्थिक कार्यक्रमों की घोषणा की जाएगी जिन्हें चलाने का प्रस्ताव है।

अब मैं वैदेशिक मन्त्रों पर आता हूँ। मेरी सरकार उन सभी वायदों की निभाएगी जो पिछली सरकार पर चुकी हैं। यह समानता और परस्पर सहभाव के आधार पर सभी पड़ोसी तथा विश्व के अन्य देशों के साथ मैत्री

भाव रखेगी और गुट निरपेक्षता की सही नीति अपनाएगी। मुझे यह कहने में खुशी हो रही है कि मेरी सरकार अगले महीने के प्रारम्भ में गुटनिरपेक्ष समन्वयात्मक ब्यूरो की बैठक की मेजबानी करेगी। मेरी सरकार सभी विकासशील राष्ट्रों के साथ आर्थिक और तकनीकी सहयोग तथा मदद को भी मजबूत करने पर विशेष ध्यान देगी।

माननीय सदस्यगण, आपका वर्तमान अधिवेशन छोटा होगा, जिसमें वित्तीय मामला-सभ की पूरक मांगों, राष्ट्रपति शासन के अन्तर्गत राज्यों, और काम बजट के सवध में वोट आन एकाउंट, रेल बजट तथा राष्ट्रपति शासन के अधीन राज्यों के बजट—पर तत्काल ध्यान देना होगा। आगामी महीने में आपके सामने बहुत ही व्यस्त कार्यक्रम है। आज राष्ट्र को आपसे बहुत बड़ी अपेक्षा है और मेरा विश्वास है कि आप उन कार्यों को, जो आपके सामने सरकार द्वारा पेश किए जाएंगे, लगन और तपस्वता से पूरा करने में अपना सहयोग देंगे। मैं इन कार्यों की ओर आपका आह्वान करता हूँ और आपकी सकलता की कामना करता हूँ।

जय हिन्द।

Honourable Members,

I extend my felicitations to the members of the new Lok Sabha and welcome you all to the joint session of the Sixth Parliament.

On this occasion when we miss his benign and familiar presence my thoughts go to our late President Shri Fakrudin Ali Ahmed in whom we have lost an elder statesman, a wise counsellor, an experienced leader, and a perfect gentleman. We mourn his loss today and convey our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Begum Abida Ahmed.

The General Election just concluded has effectively and decisively demonstrated the power of the people, the vitality of the democratic process in India and the deep root that it has taken. The people have given a clean verdict in favour of individual freedom, democracy and the rule of law and against executive arbitrariness, the emergence of a personality cult and extra constitutional centres of power. The election marks an important milestone in the evolution of our democratic polity into a healthy two party system.

My Government pledges itself to fulfil in every way the mandate given to it by the people. In doing so it will not take the people for granted or assume that they know nothing, and that the Government alone knows all answers and solutions. The traumatic experience of the last two years during which many atrocities were committed on the people and they had to undergo untold sufferings and some have even died has brought home the relevance of this.

Honourable Members, the new Government has taken charge only three days ago. It has not had the time to work out the details of the various measures it intends to adopt. This will be done in due course during the year and placed before you. Nevertheless, there are some urgent tasks to be attended to and the Government will take them in hand immediately.

The most urgent task is to remove the remaining curbs on the fundamental freedoms and civil rights of the people to restore the rule of law and the right of free expression to the Press. The external emergency proclaimed in 1971 has been revoked by me yesterday. The Government will also take the following measures:

- (i) Having regard to the gross abuse to which the Maintenance of Internal Security

Act has been put during the last two years, a thorough review of the Act will be undertaken with a view to repealing it and examining whether the existing laws need further strengthening to deal with economic offences and security of the country without denying the right of approach to courts.

- (ii) Legislation will be introduced to ensure that no political or social organisation is banned except on adequate grounds and after an independent judicial enquiry.
- (iii) The Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matters Act will be repealed. Immunity which the Press enjoyed in reporting the proceedings of legislatures will be restored.
- (iv) The amendment to the Representation of Peoples Act which redefined corrupt practices and afforded protection to electoral offences by certain individuals by placing them beyond the scrutiny of the courts will be repealed.

During the course of the year a comprehensive measure will be placed before you to amend the Constitution to restore the balance between the people and Parliament, Parliament and the Judiciary, the Judiciary and the Executive, the States and the Centre, the citizen and the Government that the founding fathers of our Constitution had worked out. This will include provisions to amend Article 352 to prevent the abuse of the power to declare emergency and of the relevant Articles to ensure that President's Rule is imposed strictly in accordance with the objectives mentioned in the Constitution and not for extraneous purposes.

One of the very serious developments in the recent past was the erosion of the freedom and impartiality of the media of publicity and information. My Government will take steps to restore to the media their due place in a democracy. Steps will also be taken to ensure that All India Radio Doordarshan Films Division and other Government media function in a fair and objective manner.

Nothing has roused public anger and resentment so much as the manner in which the family planning programme was implemented last year in several parts of the country. This has caused a major set back to the programme which is vital for the welfare of the nation. Family planning will be pursued vigorously as a wholly voluntary programme and as an integral part of a comprehensive policy covering education, health, maternity and child care, family welfare, women's rights and nutrition.

In the economic sphere the Government is pledged to the removal of destitution within a definite time-frame of 10 years. Relative neglect of the rural sector has created a dangerous imbalance in the economy leading to migration of people from rural areas to urban centres. The farmer has been denied reasonable and fair price for his products. Allocations for agriculture and related developments have been grossly inadequate and the need to improve conditions in the villages has received scarce attention. More than a lakh of villages do not even have the most elementary facilities for drinking water. My Government will follow an employment oriented strategy in which primacy will be given to the development of agriculture, agro-industries, small and cottage industries especially in rural areas. High priority will also be given to the provisions of minimum needs in rural areas and to integrated rural development. To the extent possible at this

point of time, the Fifth Five Year Plan will be reviewed. The planning process will be revitalised and work on the Sixth Five Year Plan will be taken up without delay. My Government will announce at the time of the presentation of the final budget later this year the details of the economic programme that is proposed to be followed.

I now come to external relations. My Government will honour all the commitments made by the previous Government. It stands for friendship with all our neighbours and other nations of the world on the basis of equality and reciprocity and will follow a path of genuine non-alignment. I am glad to say that my Government will be hosting a meeting of the Non-aligned Co-ordinating Bureau early next month. My Government will also give very special attention to the strengthening of ties and economic and technical co-operation with all developing nations.

Honourable Members, your present session will be a short one in which you will have to attend to urgent financial business—the Supplementary Demands of the Union and the States under President's Rule and the Vote on Account regarding the General Budget, the Railway Budget and the budgets of States under President's Rule. A heavy and busy schedule lies ahead of you in the coming months. There is today a mood of expectancy in the country and I trust that you will co-operate fully in attending to the business that will be placed before you by Government, with thoroughness and expedition. I commend you to your tasks and wish you all success.

Jai Hind

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OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR SPEAKER. I have to inform the House of the sad demise of twelve of our friends namely Shri Narsingha Malla Deb Shri P R Kanavade Patil, Shri Nana Ramchandra Patil, Shri Sheo Narayan Fotedar Shri R M Hajarnavis Shri Ajit Prasad Jain, Shri Nemi Surar Jain, Shri C Chittababu Shri E V K Sampath Shri U N Dhebar Shri T H Gavit and Shri A I. Gopalau

Shri Narasingha Malla Deb was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha during the years 1957-62 representing Midnapore constituency in West Bengal. Earlier he was a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Council during the years 1952-57. A philanthropist and a social worker he founded schools, colleges, a polytechnic and a hospital in Jhargram and set up a handicrafts institution for widows. He nursed these institutions till his death. A man of versatile ability he was several clubs and sports organisations. He passed away at Calcutta on the 11th November 1976 at the age of 70.

Shri P R Kanavade Patil was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952-57 from Ahmednagar North constituency of the erstwhile Bombay State. A prominent social worker he had played a prominent role in the removal of untouchability and spread of education in Ahmednagar District. He passed away at Ahmednagar on the 13th November 1976 at the age of 74.

Shri Nana Ramchandra Patil was a Member of the Second and the Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1957-62 and 1967-70 respectively. During the Fourth Lok Sabha he represented Bhil constituency in Maharashtra. Shri Patil took keen interest in the freedom struggle and organised many revolutionary activities in his home State against the foreign rule. He dedicated

most of his time to the service of the poor and thereby endeared himself to the rural masses. He passed away at Miraj on the 6th December, 1976 at the age of 78.

Shri Sheo Narayan Fotedar was a Member of the First Lok Sabha during the years 1952-57. Starting his career as a Professor of History in 1929 Shri Fotedar plunged into politics in 1931. In 1933 he was elected as Member of Sr Nagar Municipal Corporation and later became its Vice President and President. In 1935 he was chosen as the President of All State Kashmiri Pandit Conference. A great parliamentarian he was elected to Kashmir State Legislative Assembly in 1934 and was a Member of the Assembly for 13 years. As a member of the First Lok Sabha he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House and served on many important Committees. He was also a Member of the Parliamentary delegation to Turkey and the Middle East countries in 1954. Returning back to the State Legislature in 1957 he was elected as the Chairman of the Kashmir Legislative Council. He participated in several conferences of Presiding Officers of Legislative bodies in India. He passed away on the 6th December 1976 at the age of 76.

Shri R M Hajarnavis was a Member of the Second Third and Fourth Lok Sabha during the years 1957-70. In Fourth Lok Sabha he represented Chitpur constituency in Maharashtra. He started his career as a lawyer and earned great reputation in that field. He was Deputy Minister in the Union Government during the years 1953-63 and Minister of State during the years 1963-68. He passed away at Nagpur on the 27th December 1976 at the age of 63.

Shri Ajit Prasad Jain was a Member of the Constituent Assembly Provisional Parliament First, Second and Third Lok Sabha during the years 1946-65. He was Minister of Rehabilitation in the Union Government during the years 1953-54 and Minister of Food and Agriculture during the years 1954-59.

He was Governor of Kerala during the years 1965-66 and later served as Member of Rajya Sabha during the years 1969-74. Earlier he had also been a Member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly during the years 1937-47. A renowned statesman, seasoned parliamentarian and able administrator, Shri Jain served the country with great dedication in several fields. He passed away at New Delhi on the 2nd January 1977 at the age of 75.

Shri Nemi Saran Jain was a Member of the Provisional Parliament and First Lok Sabha during the years 1950-57. In the first Lok Sabha he represented Bijnor constituency of Uttar Pradesh. He took an active part in the freedom struggle and suffered imprisonment several times during 1922 to 1944. He was a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council during the years 1924-30. A renowned social worker, he took keen interest in the development of rural areas and was associated with several social organisations. He passed away at New Delhi on the 3rd January 1977 at the age of 78.

Shri C. Chittibabu was a Member of the Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha from Chingleput constituency of Tamil Nadu during the years 1957-77. A journalist in his early career, Shri Chittibabu was Editor of the English weekly *Home Rule* published from Madras and also served as Mayor of Madras during the years 1965-66. He passed away at the General Hospital, Madras on the 5th January 1977, at the very young age of 41.

Shri E. V. K. Sampath was a Member of the Second Lok Sabha during the years 1957-62 from Nannakkal constituency of erstwhile Madras State. A prominent social worker, he devoted himself mainly to the task of eradication of the caste system. He also took keen interest in the field of education and was associated with several educational institutions. He passed away at Madras on the 23rd February 1977 at the age of 51.

Shri U. N. Dhebar was a Member of the Third Lok Sabha during the years

1962-63 from Rajkot constituency of Gujarat State. An eminent lawyer and a dedicated social worker, Shri Dhebar served the country in various capacities. He was the Chief Architect of Modern Saurashtra which came into existence following the integration of a large number of princely States. In 1948, He served as Chief Minister in the erstwhile state of Saurashtra during the years 1948-54. During his tenure as Chief Minister, he introduced many progressive land reforms. He served as the Chairman of the Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission during 1960-61. He was also associated with several educational institutions in his home State. Shri Dhebar passed away at Rajkot on the 11th March 1977 at the age of 72.

Shri T. H. Gavit was a Member of the Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha during the years 1967-77 representing Nandurbar constituency in Maharashtra. Earlier he was a member of the erstwhile Bombay Legislative Assembly during the years 1952-57. A seasoned parliamentarian, he took keen interest in the proceedings of the House and served on several Parliamentary Committees and other Governmental Bodies. A social worker, he devoted himself to the cause of backward classes particularly the Scheduled Tribes. He passed away at New Delhi on the 18th March 1977 at the age of 54.

Shri A. K. Gopalan was a Member of First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Lok Sabha during the years 1952-77. In the Fifth Lok Sabha he represented Palghat constituency in Kerala and was leader of Communist Party of India (Marxist) the largest opposition group. Starting his career as a teacher, Shri Gopalan plunged into active politics in 1927 and dedicated himself to the freedom movement in the Malabar area. Later he founded the Kerala Communist Party. A true and dedicated worker, he never sought any office. He in fact gained popularity amongst the masses and became a national leader by his selfless work. Devoting himself to the trade union and Kisan movements in Kerala, he raised the consciousness of

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the exploited and down-trodden people. He was imprisoned and detained several times for political activities and remained underground for five years during British rule. He led the famous Temple Entry Satyagraha in Guruvayoor Kerala and when on hunger march from Cannanore to Madras on foot covering a distance of 750 miles. A seasoned parliamentarian and forceful speaker, he took active interest in the proceedings of the House. He always championed the cause of agriculturists, landless labourers and the common man. He also wrote many books on varied topics. He passed away at Trivandrum on the 22nd March, 1977 at the age of 72. In his death the country has lost a great patriot.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

12 10 hrs

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

ORDINANCES PROMULGATED BY PRESIDENT

MR SPEAKER Mr Shanti Bhusan

Some Hon Members rose—

श्री कंवरलाल गुप्त (दिल्ली-सदर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इसने पहले कि ये अध्यादेश महा सदन के पटल पर रखे जाय मैं विधि मंत्री का ध्यान आर्टिकल 123 (2) (बी) की तरफ दिखाना चाहता हूँ जिसमें यह व्यवस्था है कि अगर कोई अध्यादेश जारी किए जाते हैं तो सरकार यदि उचित समझे तो उन को किसी समय भी वापस ले सकती है। इन अध्यादेशों में विशेषतः 4, 6, 7, 8 और 9 नम्बर के अध्यादेश दिखलून अनडेमोन्स्ट्रेटिव हैं और हमारी पार्टी इनसे सहमत नहीं है। तो मैं विधि मंत्री से प्रार्थना करूँगा कि बजाय हमारे

कि ये इसके ऊपर सदन का समय लें, इन अध्यादेशों को वे अभी वापस ले लें। इस में देरी न करें ताकि सदन का समय इन अध्यादेशों के ऊपर व्यर्थ न जाय किनम प्राइम मिनिस्टर, प्रेसीडेंट और वाइस-प्रेसीडेंट व एलेक्शन की बात है तथा मेट्रोपालिटन कांसिल की मियाद बढ़ाने की बात है। मैं प्रार्थना करूँगा कि इन आर्डिनंसों के ऊपर सदन का समय खर्च नहीं किया जाना चाहिए। आर्टिकल 123 (2) (बी) इस प्रकार है

An Ordinance promulgated under this article shall have the same force and effect as an Act of Parliament, but every such Ordinance may be withdrawn at any time by the President.

May I request the hon. Minister to have these Ordinances withdrawn? They are highly objectionable and anti-democratic.

MR SPEAKER Normally, while papers are laid on the Table of the House, we do not allow any discussion. After all, these are only being placed on the Table. Government may or may not proceed with them. Since the hon. Member wanted to raise it, I had allowed him. Now I will allow only Mr Krishna Kant.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) Are you allowing a discussion right now?

MR SPEAKER No discussion at all. Normally, when papers are laid on the Table of the House there is absolutely no discussion. Perhaps, the same point which Mr Kanwar Lal Gupta has raised, is likely to be raised by Mr Krishan Kant also. The point has been made to the Minister concerned. What he might say or do is the Government's concern. I would only say this. If we start having a discussion now, there will be no end to it. We have a very important business to transact. Also if I am to permit all the Members and we are to have a discussion now, then it will be

creating a bad precedent After all one submission has been made If every hon Member begins making submissions it will take the time of the House and it will also be a bad precedent Laying the papers on the Table of the House is just a normal procedure Later on, Government may or may not proceed with those Ordinances it is not compulsory just because they are laying them on the Table that they should proceed with them Therefore let us not prolong this (Interruptions) I have no objection but you will be creating a very bad precedent and once a precedent is created next time when somebody else wants to raise something when papers are laid on the Table I cannot say No you cannot raise it After all the point has been made The Minister may lay them on the Table now Later on he may explain whether he is going to proceed with them or not Therefore may I request the hon Members not to raise anything now? I will allow only Mr Krishna Kant because he had given me notice earlier Mr Krishna Kant

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU On a point of submission

SHRI S KUNDU (Balasore) On a point of order It is an important point of order

MR SPEAKER What is the point of order?

SHRI S KUNDU You will find in this order paper under item 4(7)

MR SPEAKER There is no point of order at all The hon Member is raising the same issue in the name of point of order

SHRI S KUNDU Sir this item which has been introduced today is not Constitutionally admissible it cannot be admitted before the House Here Sir the ordinance on the disputed election matter in respect of the Prime Minister

MR SPEAKER Please sit down There is no point of order

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Arising out of the observations may I make a submission

MR SPEAKER There is no point of order at all there is no point of submission

SHRI KRISHNA KANT (Chandigarh) Sir before the Minister lays these papers on the Table of the House I would like to know whether in view of what the President has said in his Address and in view of the promises that we have made in the last elections that equality will be maintained in so far as the Prime Minister Speaker and other Members of Lok Sabha are concerned he will allow this ordinance to pass? Or it will be much better to withdraw it earlier even now that can be done

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) These ordinances are being laid on the Table of the House in view of the mandatory requirement of Article 123 That does not mean that the Government proposes to convert them into Acts or to introduce Bills to that effect The thinking of the Government will be crystallised in one course but the President's Address itself has given an indication of the broad thinking of the Government in so far as that matter is concerned.

I beg to lay on the table a copy each of the following Ordinances (Hindi and English versions) under article 123 (2) (a) of the Constitution —

- (1) The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Chandigarh Amendment) Ordinance 1976 (No 14 of 1976) promulgated by the President on the 17th December 1976
- (2) The Caltex [Acquisition of Shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and of undertakings in India of Caltex (India) Limited] Ordinance 1976 (No 15 of 1977) promulgated by the President on the 30th December 1976

[Shri Shanti Bhusan]

- (3) The Food Corporations (Amendment) Ordinance, 1976 (No 16 of 1976) promulgated by the President on the 31st December 1976
- (4) The Representation of the People (Amendment) Ordinance 1977 (No 1 of 1977) promulgated by the President on the 2nd February 1977
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- (6) The Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 1977 (No 3 of 1977) promulgated by the President on the 3rd February, 1977
- (7) The Disputed Elections (Prime Minister and Speaker) Ordinance, 1977 (No 4 of 1977) promulgated by the President on the 3rd February, 1977
- (8) The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Ordinance, 1977 (No 5 of 1977) promulgated by the President on the 7th February, 1977
- (9) The Delhi Administration (Amendment) Ordinance, 1977 (No 6 of 1977) promulgated by the President on the 7th February, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT 2/77]

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Sir it was clearly indicated in the Handbook for Members that while the papers are being laid on the Table of the House, the Members have a right to seek further information. But unfortunately, after you left, that provision was withdrawn. It is a pity that that practice should continue now. Therefore Sir

MR. SPEAKER Now, let the papers be laid on the Table of the House

PROCLAMATIONS REVOKING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL EMERGENCIES, NOTIFICATIONS UNDER DEFENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY OF INDIA RULES, 1971, AND DEFENCE AND INTERNAL SECURITY OF INDIA ACT, 1971, AND A STATEMENT, AND PRESIDENT'S ORDER UNDER GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORIES ACT, 1963

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) On behalf of Chaudhary Charan Singh, I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following Proclamations (Hindi and English versions) under sub-clause (b) of clause (2) of article 352 of the Constitution —

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(2) A copy of the Compensation Tribunal (Amendment) Order, 1977 (Hindi and English versions), published in Notification No G.S.R. 71(E) dated the 9th February, 1977 issued under the Defence and Internal Security of India Rules, 1971 [Placed in Library See No LT-5/77]

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(ii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for delay in laying the above Notification [Placed in Library See No LT-6/77]

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12.20 hrs

RE ADJOURNMENT MOTION

DR KARAN SINGH (Udhampur)

Mr Speaker, Sir, I have given notice of an adjournment motion to discuss the undemocratic and totally unwarranted dissolution of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly. There has been a major distortion and perversion of democracy and this should be brought and discussed before the House immediately.

MR. SPEAKER I have received the notice, and I will request the hon

Member to raise it tomorrow. I will give my consideration to it today and tomorrow we shall see if we can discuss.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai) May I raise a question of propriety if not a breach of privilege of the House?

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) On the day of President's Address, how can it be raised? You should rule it out.

MR. SPEAKER I have received the notice. I have been suggesting to the hon Member that I will be giving my consideration. I am very particular that the Vote on Account must go through but, tomorrow I will give my consideration and then give my decision tomorrow morning. If there is going to be discussion tomorrow, you can have it some time tomorrow evening.

श्री मोहम्मद शफी कुरेशी (अनन्तनाग) :-
अध्यक्ष महोदय, आय एडजर्नमेंट मोशन से, मझे कोई एतराज नहीं है लेकिन बजीरे आजूम या होम मिनिस्टर को बयान देना चाहिए। पहले वे बयान दें। मैं यह बात भी कहना चाहता हूँ कि जनता पार्टी ने सबसे पहले कश्मीर में डेमोक्रेसी का खून किया है। (ध्वजवाहन)

[شہری محمد شلیع قریشی (اننت ناگ): ارادہ رکھیں، آپ انجورنمنٹ مسوشن لون، مجھے کوئی اعتراض نہیں ہے لیکن روبرو اعظم یا ہوم منسٹر کو بیان دینا چاہئے۔ پہلے وہ بیان دیں۔ میں یہ بات بھی کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ جڈا پارٹی نے سب سے پہلے جموں کشمیر ریاست میں ڈیموکریسی خون کیا ہے۔ (ویرو دھان)]

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submit that the provisions relating to quorum which were in force before the 42nd Amendment of the Constitution are still in force because those provisions of the 42nd Amendment relating to quorum have not been brought into force by the necessary notification

MR. SPEAKER This question therefore does not arise

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) There have been extensive printing and serial numbering of duplicate ballot papers by the Government Press, Alipur Calcutta under the control of a senior IPS officer Shri Panchoo Gopal Mukherjee with a very unclean past record. Thousands of such ballot papers have been seized by the District Magistrate and others. That is a very important point. The matter has come out in the press widely and extensively. That was done for the purpose of extensive rigging on the day of polling.

MR. SPEAKER I do not know.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I would like the hon. Law Minister to enlighten this House as to whether he knows about duplicate ballot papers having been printed and serial-numbered? If so, will he conduct an enquiry? Will he make an investigation about the printing of duplicate ballot papers in the Government Press at Alipur in West Bengal?

12.30 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS) 1976-77

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) I beg to present a statement showing Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1976-77.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (TAMIL NADU) 1976-77

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12.35 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET, 1977-78

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to place before the House the annual financial statement for the Indian Government Railways showing the estimated receipts and expenditure for the year 1977-78. The estimates are for the whole of the next financial year but as the time available now before the end of this financial year, for discussion of the Demands for 1977-78 is very limited, I seek from this House for the present only a vote on account sufficient to cover the estimated expenditure for the first

four months of the financial year 1977-78 leaving the supplies for the rest of the year to be voted separately later on

Financial Results of 1975-76

2 I shall first begin with the operating results of 1975-76 the last completed financial year. The Budget for the year visualized a surplus of Rs 23.03 crores in the hope that the traffic revival noticed in the preceding year would gather momentum during 1975-76. The actual trend of materialisation of traffic in 1975-76 was better than what was expected at the time of the Budget and this was reflected in the Revised Estimates for traffic receipts. However the increased traffic receipts were more than offset by post-budgetary liabilities amounting to Rs 152.36 crores arising mainly out of retroactive sanction of five additional instalments of dearness allowance. The net result therefore, for 1975-76 at the Revised Estimate stage was a deficit of Rs 62.81 crores against the original budgeted surplus of Rs 23.03 crores. The final accounts for the year 1975-76 indicate a deficit of Rs 61.11 crores or an improvement of Rs 1.70 crores over what was expected at the Revised Estimate stage.

Revised Estimates 1976-77

3 In the Budget Estimates for the current year 1976-77, a surplus of Rs 8.98 crores was expected after taking into account the effect of the proposals for adjustment of freight charges in respect of certain specified commodities. The current year has been for many years, the best operating year for the Indian Railways. This can be seen from the fact that during the period from April 1976 upto the end of January, 1977, 13.3 million tonnes more of originating revenue earning traffic have been loaded as compared to the corresponding period of last year. This is also about 7 million tonnes more than the loading proportional

to the original Budget Estimate. There was vigorous marketing effort, and all the goods traffic that was offered was carried by the Railways, and the outstanding registrations were very low. Power Houses, Cements Plants and other coal using industries had adequate stocks of coal right through. As regards export of iron ore the full demands were met. Movement of brick burning coal and soft coke which showed a decline in the earlier part of the year for lack of demands has picked up substantially from the month of December. The total originating loading both for the revenue earning and the non revenue traffic combined is expected to be an all time record exceeding 230 million tonnes.

4 Increase in passenger traffic during the current year has been truly phenomenal. Against 1,183 million originating suburban passengers and 915 million originating non-suburban passengers during April-December 1975 the numbers in the corresponding period this year have been 1305 million suburban and 1,137 million non-suburban, recording an increase of more than 10 per cent under the former and 24 per cent in respect of the latter. This increase is the combined effect of check of ticketless travel and all round improvement in passenger train operation. During the period April-December 1976 96 new non-suburban trains were introduced and frequency of 5 trains was increased. In addition the run of 50 pairs of non-suburban trains has been extended. The result of these changes has been an increase of over 25,000 train kilometres per day. Details are given in the booklet circulated with the budget papers.

Gross Traffic Receipts

5 On the basis of the trend of traffic, the Revised Estimate of Gross Traffic Receipts for 1976-77 has been placed at Rs. 1987.55 crores or an increase of about Rs 32 crores over the Budget.

Working Expenses

6 On the working expenses side, I am glad to say that inspite of the increase in traffic over the Budgeted level the Revised Estimates record a net saving of about Rs 3 crores over the Budget as a result of better efficiency and tighter expenditure control. The actual saving could have been more but for the inescapable additional expenditure to meet the increased requirement of fuel, lubricants and other materials necessitated by higher traffic as compared with the Budget. Even though the year is expected to close with a lower net expenditure than the sanctioned Budget under all the Revenue Demands taken together, increased allocations will be required under some Demands I am, therefore, approaching the House for Supplementary Demands for Grants where additional expenditure authorisation has been found to be necessary.

7 It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Railways are now expected to close the current financial year with a net surplus of Rs 35.67 crores as against Rs 8.98 crores surplus anticipated in the Budget. When the accounts for the year are finally closed, it is possible that the actuals might even exceed this level of surplus.

Plan Outlay for 1976-77

8 The Railways' developmental programme for 1976-77 envisaged a total outlay of Rs 417.81 crores including Rs 10 crores for the Metropolitan Transport Projects and Rs 5 crores to meet the working capital requirement for financing export orders. Due to overall financial constraints this allocation was less than what the Railway Ministry had projected as its requirement, but all the same by careful planning of the various developmental projects, including line capacity works and renewals it has been possible to maintain the plan targets within this allo-

cation, except in the case of new line constructions. In the case of new line constructions the Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission were specially requested for an additional allotment of Rs 3 crores to keep up the progress on certain project oriented lines. This additional allocation has been agreed to and is included in the Supplementary Demands 1976-77. In respect of Rolling Stock due mainly to updating of the prices of rolling stock turned out of the Diesel Loco Works, Varanasi and the Chittaranjan Loco Works, some financial adjustments involving transfer of value from inventories to rolling stock have been found to be necessary resulting in increase in the gross expenditure under Demand 15, the net outlay remaining unaffected. I am, therefore, approaching the House for additional expenditure authorisation under Demands 14 and 15. The details are given in the Supplementary Demands for Grants.

Resumption of Indo-Pak Rail Traffic

9 An important development during the current year is the resumption of Indo-Pak rail traffic. Arising out of the joint statement signed by the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan at Islamabad on 14th May 1976 the details for the restoration of rail communications across the Atari-Wagha border were worked out towards the end of June 1976. Rail communications between India and Pakistan were resumed on 22nd July 1976 with the running of a daily express train from Amritsar to Lahore and back. However, interchange of freight traffic started only from the 3rd September 1976. By the end of February 1977, more than 17,150 passengers crossed over from India to Pakistan and over 23,000 passengers from Pakistan to India. Nearly 900 wagon loads of freight traffic have also been moved to Pakistan from India. Goods traffic from Pakistan to India has, however, to pick up

General Improvement In Railway Operation

10 Before I deal with the 1977-78 Budget Estimates, it would be in order to pause and take stock of the general performance of the Railways in the financial year which will end in a few days. Noticeable improvement in railway operation commenced from 1975-76 and has been further consolidated in the current year. There has been general appreciation of the unprecedented improvement in railway working. I might mention briefly that in almost all spheres of railway working the Railways have excelled the best norms that they had ever achieved before. The menace of unauthorised travel agents and anti-social elements indulging in malpractices in seat reservation has been largely eliminated. At large stations booking and reservation counters have been increased and the long queues have now been reduced considerably. Additional long distance fast trains have been introduced and overcrowding has been reduced substantially not only as a result of additional trains but also by a continued watch on ticketless travellers. Cleanliness in trains and at railway stations has improved, substantial improvement has also been made in the railway catering service. Punctuality of trains, which was only in the region of about 65 per cent prior to 1975, has registered spectacular improvement. Even as compared to 1975-76 the percentage of trains not losing time has recorded an improvement and the average of trains maintaining punctuality is at present well over 90 per cent.

11 Apart from the welcome improvement in the punctuality of passenger train services, the current year also witnessed introduction of a number of super fast long-distance Mail and Express trains to connect important State Capitals and cities. Some of these super fast trains, such as the Tamilnadu Express, the Karnataka Kerala Express, the Jammu Tawi-Bombay Express and the Gomti Ex-

press have considerably reduced the journey time and have made travel comfortable. It has been possible to introduce these trains without any substantial additions to the facilities existing at the various terminal points and also without affecting the growth of the freight traffic, which is essential to the growth of the economy of the country and for the viable working of the Railways. It has to be mentioned in this connection that many of our important terminals like Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras are now reaching a saturation limit and that additional facilities will have to be planned and provided to cater for increased passenger traffic.

Railway Convention Committee

12 Due to dissolution of the Fifth Lok Sabha on 18-1-1977, the Convention Committee's recommendations for 1977-78 are not available to Government. Consequently, the computation of dividend to General Revenues has been made on the basis of the recommendations made by the Railway Convention Committee 1973 for the year 1976-77 as approved by Parliament. The appropriation to Depreciation Reserve Fund has been proposed at Rs 140 crores for the year 1977-78 as against Rs 135 crores made during 1976-77. This increase was fully accepted by the Committee in the course of their discussions with the Ministry. Their earlier recommendations for relief in certain specified areas requiring consultation with the concerned Ministers etc., are being pursued so that the Railways may obtain some desired financial relief on account of the various social obligations.

13 In their recommendations for 1976-77, the Railway Convention Committee had by and large continued the earlier concessions. Additionally, they had also accepted the suggestion that the cost of staff quarters sanctioned for construction during the Fifth Plan period may be allocated to Capital instead of the Development Fund.

[Prof Madhu Dandavate]

the Railways being liable for payment of dividend to General Revenues on such capital only if they are able to meet their other dividend obligations in full. As it is expected that the Railways will earn a net surplus during the two years 1976-77 and 1977-78 the dividend payable to General Revenues includes the dividend liability in respect of the cost of staff quarters chargeable to Capital in terms of the Railway Convention Committee's recommendation.

Budget Estimates 1977-78

14 I shall now deal with the Budget Estimates for 1977-78. The Gross Traffic Receipts for the year at the existing level of rates and fares are estimated at Rs 2031.44 crores recording an increase of about Rs 104 crores over the Revised Estimate for the current year. The increase in the traffic receipts is based on an estimated 6% growth under 'passengers' and an originating revenue-earning freight traffic target of 217 million tonnes.

15 The ordinary working expenses (net) have been placed at Rs 1635.75 crores involving increase of about Rs 87½ crores over the Revised Estimates for the current year. The higher provision takes into account the effect of annual increments to the staff and full year's effect in 1977-78 of the implementation of Miabhoj Award upgradation of posts and removal of anomalies etc. Increased provision has also been made for maintenance of track rolling stock and other equipment apart from additional fuel requirement to meet the demands of the higher traffic expected to be moved during 1977-78 as compared with the current year. The details of the additional provisions made under various Demands are given in the Explanatory Notes under each Demand in the Demands for Grants.

16 As mentioned earlier increased provision has been made for appropriation to the Depreciation Reserve Fund. Appropriation to Pension Fund

has also been increased by Rs 5 crores over the current year to meet the expected withdrawal from the Fund for payment of pension to retired pensionable railway employees. The liability for payment of dividend to General Revenues for 1977-78 works out to Rs 225.56 crores against the current year's Revised Estimates of Rs 211.30 crores, on the basis of the recommendations of the Railway Convention Committee 1973.

Financial Results

17 Taking into account the various provisions made in the Budget for 1977-78 as presented to the House the Railways are expected to earn a net surplus of Rs 26.45 crores, and this sum is proposed to be transferred fully to the Railway Development Fund. Thus we hope to earn for the second year in succession, a net surplus after payment of Dividend to General Revenues. Despite the net surplus aggregating over Rs. 62 crores accepted to be realised in the two years the Railways indebtedness to the General Revenues on account of temporary loans obtained for Development Fund and Revenue Reserve Fund expenditure is expected to be of the order of Rs 477.18 crores at the end of 1977-78. It may be recalled that the Budget for 1976-77 envisaged the Railway indebtedness as on 31.3.1977 to be Rs 491.50 crores. According to the Revised Estimates, this figure is expected to be reduced to Rs 401.99 crores at the end of the current year. The balance of Rs 477.18 crores as on 31.3.1978 in terms of the Budget for 1977-78 is a sizable debt and it would be our endeavour to see that it is contained within reasonable limits if not reduced.

The Railway Freight Structure Enquiry Committee

18 In spite of the heavy indebtedness of the Railways I am not bringing forward any proposals for increase of freight rates and fares. The present freight structure is largely based on the recommendations made by a High Power Committee appointed in

1955 The Public Accounts Committee (1974-75) have given a recommendation in their 148th Report that the Railways should undertake rationalisation of the tariff Pursuant to this recommendation the Government have decided to appoint a high power Expert Committee to study the problem comprehensively and make suitable recommendations in the matter

Plan Outlay For 1977 78

19 As a result of discussions held with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance the Plan allocation of Rs 501 crores has been agreed to for 1977 78 to enable the Railways to provide inputs for building up the originating freight loading target of 250/260 million tonnes by 1978 79 the last year of the Fifth Five Year Plan This allocation includes Rs 10 crores for the Metropolitan Transport Projects at Bombay, Calcutta Delhi and Madras In addition, a sum of Rs 280 crores has been provided to enable the production units of the Railways to meet their working capital requirement in respect of export orders The share of new lines and restorations is Rs 23.58 crores and of electrification projects Rs 19 crores I am aware of the need for railway development without any delay in certain backward regions of Konkan Orissa, Madhya Pradesh North Eastern part of the country and other backward areas I will initiate necessary steps in this connection

Staff Relations

20 The year 1975 76 witnessed normalcy in staff relations The performance of the Railways during the current year is a testimony to the high calibre of men and women employed at all levels on the Railways and their unfailing commitment to the tasks assigned to them The collective bargaining evolved on the Railways over the years has to be re-activated and it will be my constant endeavour to seek the cooperation of the trade union machinery in this task I will strive to introduce a new element of

dynamism in the management labour relationship

21 Certain anomalies arising out of the implementation of the Pay Commission recommendations were referred to a joint committee of labour and management and an agreement was finally reached and is under implementation A number of non-gazetted posts have been upgraded on the Railways to increase promotional opportunities for the staff A tribunal has also been set up for reclassification of the workshop and artisan staff according to the job content I will strive to seek the cooperation of labour to improve the results

22 All the Railway employees who were either suspended or dismissed as a sequel to their participation in the Railway strike in May 1974 will be re-instated unconditionally

SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI (Anantnag) This is George Fernandes rehabilitation

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola) So that they can repeat it Go ahead

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) Ministers are not going to be re-instated

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE This is in consonance with the stand I have consistently taken in this House in the past and the pledge I have given to the working class

23 In this context I should like to inform the House that concrete steps have been taken for labour participation in management Apart from shop councils formed in the production units with management and labour representatives the scheme of workers participation has been extended to commercial and service organisations having large public dealings As an experimental measure Station Committees have been set up in Bombay Madras and Delhi in which representatives of organised labour are associated with the objective

[Prof Madhu Dandavate]

of providing better service to the customers

24 In view of the impressive results achieved by the Railways in the current year and the expectation of an equally successful next financial year, the House will no doubt appreciate the unstinted cooperation and total dedication to duty displayed by railway employees at all levels. It is also a matter of satisfaction that a surplus budget could be presented for the year 1977-78 without any increase in fares and freight rates. I am confident that the Railways will continue to get the full support of the House, cooperation from the public and dedicated service from all employees

12.55 hrs

GENERAL BUDGET, 1977-78

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL), Sir, I rise to present the Budget to this august House.

The Budget and the demands for grants that are being made available to Honourable Members were prepared on the basis of the directions given by the previous Government. I would like to make it clear at the outset that though these have been circulated, they do not reflect our philosophy, policies, and programmes.

2 There was no time since we assumed office to recast these estimates and to print the Budget documents afresh. The annual financial statement and the demands for grants prepared earlier will serve the limited purpose of fulfilling the Constitutional requirements for taking a Vote on Account before the 31st March, 1977. This will enable Government to meet essential expenditure during the first four months of the ensuing financial year.

3 The Budget for the current financial year presented in March, 1976

envisaged an overall deficit of Rs 328 crores. Due to certain increases in expenditure, partly offset by improvement in receipts, the year is expected to close with a deficit of Rs 425 crores. It is not necessary for me to take you over the various details of the budgetary developments during the current year for which the present Government can obviously assume no responsibility.

4 According to the Budget as prepared while total receipts are expected to go up during the year 1977-78 to Rs 14,910 crores as compared with the figure of Rs 13,759 crores in the Revised Estimates for 1976-77, expenditure for the ensuing year is estimated at Rs 15,542 crores as against the current year's Revised Estimate of Rs 14,184 crores. This position has resulted from an increase in both non-Plan and Plan expenditure.

5 The Central Sector of the Plan for 1977-78 involves an outlay of Rs 5,053 crores and will make a draft on the Central Budget of Rs 4,096 crores. This compares with the preceding year's (1976-77) outlay of Rs 4,090 crores and a budgetary support of Rs 3,347 crores at the Budget stage. Central assistance to States and Union Territories, and for various programmes concerning the Hill and Tribal areas, the North Eastern Council and Rural Electrification Corporation as well as the Andhra Six Point Formula amounts to Rs 1,692 crores according to these estimates for the year 1977-78. The corresponding figure for the current year is Rs 1,412 crores. Taking Centre States and Union Territories together, the Budget envisages a total Plan outlay for 1977-78 of Rs 9,953 crores as compared with Rs 7,852 crores in the Budget Estimates of 1976-77.

13.00 hours

6 The net effect of the proposals made in the Budget would be an overall deficit of Rs 1,432 crores. However, the Budget takes credit for special borrowings of the order of

Rs 800 crores against drawal of foreign exchange reserves, the assumption being that such borrowing would be non-inflationary as it is covered by increased imports of goods. Accordingly the Budget document shows a net deficit of Rs 632 crores

7 In the context of the rise in the whole-sale price index of 125 per cent that has occurred since March 1976 any deficit financing has to be viewed with concern. In order to reverse the rising trend of prices and to usher in a period of reasonable price stability the Government are of the firm view that financing of public expenditure in a manner which would generate inflationary pressures should be eschewed. It is our firm resolve to review the Fifth Plan and to revise the Budget Estimates so that they reflect our thinking and priorities. We propose to complete this exercise in time for the regular Budget which will be presented in May 1977.

8 Meanwhile I have asked my Ministry to request all Ministries, Departments and Public Sector Undertakings under the control of the Central Government not to take up new schemes and not to enter into fresh major commitments till we have completed our review. The possibility of rephrasing and re-scheduling continuing schemes would also be explored. All Ministries and Departments of Government and Public Sector Agencies will be asked to observe the utmost economy in expenditure keeping in view the present Government's emphasis on austerity and avoidance of all forms of ostentation.

9 It is the will of the people of India as expressed unequivocally at the Polls, that there is an urgent

need to redirect our economic policies and priorities so as to ensure that economic growth subserves the objective of speedy eradication of poverty and unemployment and a progressive reduction in inequalities of income and wealth. The House may rest assured that we shall keep our faith with the people. The task ahead is formidable but with the willing support and goodwill of the people we are confident that we shall achieve our objective.

13 05 hrs

FINANCE BILL 1977*

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to continue for the financial year 1977-78 the existing rates of income-tax with certain modifications and to provide for the continuance of the provisions relating to auxiliary duties of customs and excise and the discontinuance of the duty on salt for the said year.

MR SPEAKER The question is,

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to continue for the financial year 1977-78 the existing rates of income tax with certain modifications and to provide for the continuance of the provisions relating to auxiliary duties of customs and excise and the discontinuance of the duty on salt for the said year."

The motion was adopted

SHRI H M PATIL I introduce** the Bill

*Published in Gazette of India extraordinary Part II section 2 dated 23-3-1977

**Introduced with the recommendation of the Vice-President acting as President.

13 07 hrs

TAMIL NADU BUDGET 1977-78

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) I beg to lay on the table of the House the Annual Financial Statement of the State of Tamil Nadu for the financial year 1977-78

Statement

2 The Budget Estimates for 1976-77 envisaged a revenue deficit of Rs 532 crores and closing cash balance of minus Rs 298 crores. In the Revised Estimates the revenue deficit is estimated at Rs 1278 crores with a closing cash balance of minus Rs 118 crores. The major factor which has led to the increase in the revenue deficit is the expenditure on drought relief and flood relief. The Plan and Non-Plan expenditures on drought relief have been Rs 2752 crores. Rs 41 crores will be spent on flood relief. The total expenditure of Rs 3162 crores on the relief for natural calamities has been covered to the extent of Rs 1875 crores by way of advance Plan assistance from the Centre.

3 The approved Plan outlay for the current year was Rs 201 crores. It is now anticipated that Plan expenditure will be of the order of Rs 227 crores in 1976-77.

4. In the Budget as now proposed for 1977-78, the revenue receipts are estimated at Rs 635.91 crores and the expenditure on revenue account at Rs 645.81 crores resulting in a revenue deficit of Rs 9.9 crores. The capital expenditure in 1977-78 has been estimated at Rs 62.69 crores.

5 A Plan outlay of Rs 260 crores has been approved for 1977-78. The provisions in the Plan for major sectors are: Power—Rs 95 crores, Irrigation—Rs 25 crores, Agriculture and allied sectors—Rs 30 crores, Industry—Rs 14 crores, Transport and Communications—Rs 24 crores, Water

Supply and Sewerage—Rs 25 crores, Education—Rs 13 crores, Housing and Urban Development—Rs 16 crores, and other social and economic services—Rs 18 crores.

6 The overall effect of the transactions on the Revenue, Capital and Loan accounts will result in a closing cash balance of minus Rs 13.92 crores at the end of 1977-78. Government will endeavour to fully eliminate this deficit through a variety of measures including economies, better collection of taxes and other dues to Government and by improving the financial performance of the public sector Corporations. We can also expect a measure of buoyancy in receipts due to better fiscal discipline and improved efficiency in the operations of Government provided seasonal conditions are reasonably normal. Specific targets for economy will be formulated and implemented in all departments of Government. Similarly, intensive reviews have been undertaken of the financial performance of public sector undertakings and improved surpluses on their part will be planned for and achieved during the year.

7 At present we are seeking a 'Vote-on Account' for five months on the basis of the Annual Financial Statement placed before the House.

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH (Hoshangabad) Does the Government propose to end President's Rule in Tamil Nadu and hold fresh elections there?

MR SPEAKER I do not think the hon. Finance Minister will be able to answer that question now.

NAGALAND BUDGET, 1977-78

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) I beg to lay before the House the annual financial statement of the Government of Nagaland for the financial year commencing from 1st April, 1977.

Statement

The House is aware that the functions and powers of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Nagaland are at present exercisable by Parliament. Accordingly, with your permission, Sir, I beg to lay before the House the annual financial statement of the Government of Nagaland for the financial year commencing from 1st April, 1977.

2 Revenue receipts of the State in 1977-78 are estimated at Rs 57.99 crores and expenditure on revenue account, at Rs 49.31 crores, resulting in a revenue surplus of Rs 8.68 crores. The capital account, however, shows a deficit of Rs 5.22 crores. Thus, in the overall, there will be a surplus of Rs 3.46 crores. As against Rs 17.70 crores in 1976-77, the estimates for 1977-78 provide for a Plan Outlay of Rs 19.27 crores, comprising Rs 6.33 crores for agriculture and allied services, Rs 1.40 crores for water and power development, Rs 5.26 crores for transport and communications, Rs 5.15 crores for social and community services and Rs 1.13 crores for other services like industry, etc.

3 Sir, at present we are seeking a 'Vote-on-Account' for five months on the basis of the estimates which I have just laid before the House.

13.05 hrs

PONDICHERRY BUDGET, 1977-78

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): I beg to lay before the House the annual financial statement of the Union Territory of Pondicherry showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the territory in relation to the financial year 1977-78.

Statement.

The House is aware that the functions and powers of the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory of Pondicherry are at present exercisable by Parliament. Accordingly, with your permission Sir, I beg to lay before the House the annual financial statement of the Union territory, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the territory in relation to the financial year 1977-78.

2 In the Revenue Account of the Union territory, receipts in 1977-78 are estimated at Rs 13.90 crores and expenditure at Rs 20.05 crores, leading to a deficit of Rs 6.15 crores, which will be met by grant in aid from the Centre. On Capital Account, the estimates reveal a deficit of Rs 4.38 crores, which will be met by obtaining loans from the Government of India. The estimates for 1977-78 provide for an outlay of Rs 8.33 crores on the Plan of the Union territory as compared to Rs 7.25 crores in 1976-77. Sectoral distribution of the contemplated Plan outlay is given in the Explanatory Memorandum which is being made available to the Honourable Members.

3 On the basis of these estimates Sir, we are, for the present, seeking a Vote on Account for the first five months of the year commencing on 1st April, 1977.

MR SPEAKER The House stands adjourned till 11.00 A.M. tomorrow.

13.10 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, March, 29, 1977/Chaitra 8 1899 (Saka)

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LOK SABHA

Tuesday March 29 1977/Chaitra 8
1899 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Chaudhari Charan Singh (Baghpat)

Shri Shyam Sunder Gupta (Barh)

Shri Sidrameshwara Swamy Basayya
(Koppal)

Shri Hopingstone Lyngdoh (Shillong)

11 05 hrs.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTERS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI
MORARJI DESAI) I introduce to
the House members of the Council of
Ministers

Shri Charan Singh

Shri Lal K Advani

Shri Shanti Bhushan

Shri H. M. Patel

Shri Purushottamlal Kaushik

Shri Raj Narain and

Shri Bijayananda Pattanayak.

11 06 hrs.

Re MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MR SPEAKER Regarding the
adjournment motion would you like
to say something?

DR KARAN SINGH (Udhampur)
I would like to urge that it may be
taken up as quickly as possible

MR. SPEAKER Yes I have ad-
mitted it But the House would like
the Government to say something

(Interruptions)

Please listen I am now in the midst
of an Adjournment Motion

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Dia-
mond Harbour) I have also written
on the adjournment motion itself Sir
I have written about it

MR. SPEAKER I have not seen
it till now I do not know when you
gave I have not seen it i.e., on the
adjournment motion on Kashmir

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I want
to make a submission on the adjourn-
ment motion on which you were
good enough to make an observation.

MR. SPEAKER Mr Bosu, you
will have time When I admit it,
you will have ample time We will
begin discussing it At that time
you can certainly say something
Now those in favour of the adjourn-
ment motion may please rise in
their seats Yes now it is
admitted We will take up the dis-
cussion after the Budget Demands
are passed It may be at 5 or 530
P.M. I do not know After all, you
know about the urgency of the
Demands. Normally such a motion

[Mr Speaker]

is taken up at 4 P.M. But there is pressure of work. We will have to send the Demands to the Rajya Sabha. But we will adjust the time. It is only a matter of adjustment and it is admitted. We will take up the discussion. It may be at 5 or 5.30 P.M. But it does not matter. We will sit for an extra hour.

1108 hrs

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

PROCLAMATION ORDER & REPORT RE STATE OF ORISSA PROCLAMATIONS RE ORISSA AND GUJARAT AND NOTIFICATION UNDER TAMIL NADU URBAN LAND (CEILING & REGULATION) ACT 1976

गृह मंत्री (चौधरी चरण सिंह) अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं आपकी इजाजत में निम्नलिखित कागजात सदन की भज पर रखता हूँ :—

(1) A copy of the Proclamation (Hindi and English versions) dated the 16th December 1976 issued by the President under article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Orissa published in Notification No GSR 923(E) in Gazette of India dated the 16th December 1976 under article 356(3) of the Constitution

(2) A copy of the Order (Hindi and English versions) dated the 16th December 1976 made by the President in pursuance of sub-clause (i) of clause (c) of the above Proclamation published in Notification No GSR 924(E) in Gazette of India dated the 16th December 1976

(3) A copy of the Report dated the 13th December 1976 of the Governor of Orissa to the President (Hindi and English versions) [Placed in Library See No LT-8/77]

(4) A copy of the Proclamation (Hindi and English versions) dated the 29th December 1976 issued by the President under clause (2) of article 356 of the Constitution

revoking the Proclamation issued by him on the 16th December 1976 in relation to the State of Orissa published in Notification No GSR 957(E) in Gazette of India dated the 29th December 1976 under article 356(3) of the Constitution

(5) A copy of the Proclamation (Hindi and English versions) dated the 24th December 1976 issued by the President under clause (2) of article 356 of the Constitution revoking the Proclamation issued by him on the 12th March, 1976 in relation to the State of Gujarat published in Notification No GSR 944(E) in Gazette of India dated the 24th December 1976 under article 356(3) of the Constitution [Placed in Library See No LT 9/77]

(6) A copy of Notification No GSR 868(E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 5th November 1976 containing the Order of the President relating to suspension of article 31 of the Constitution in relation to proceedings etc under the Tamil Nadu Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act 1976 for the period of operation of the Proclamation of Emergency made under clause (1) of article 352 of the Constitution on the 3rd December 1971 and on the 25th June 1975 under clause (3) of article 359 of the Constitution. [Placed in Library See No LT-10/77]

SHRI JYOTIRMAY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) I am on a point of order under Direction 2 sub-section (6) re on a question involving a breach of privilege. I have given a notice Sir I shall be failing in my duty if I do not try and assist you in the matter and draw your attention to the fact. According to your direction the privilege motion should come next to the adjournment motion. I have given a privilege motion against Mr T N Kaul who was once upon a time an Ambassador to the United States. He

has been telling untrue things about political detenus in this country. He has said in telecast and television interviews that the political detenus MPs etc are interned in their own homes. That is a very serious breach of privilege.

MR SPEAKER I do not think anybody need support or oppose it at this stage. I have got it. I have read it. But before deciding whether we should admit it we should get some information from the government. I cannot straightway admit it. You are a very senior Member of this House. You should not also raise the matter like this. I will certainly give you opportunity. I am referring it to the government to find out the truth about it. They must also be in the know of facts. If we raise it they will have to answer. Therefore I am referring it to the government. I have just received it. Maybe perhaps tomorrow we will get the real facts about it and then certainly I will look into it. (Interruptions) Maybe so. Everybody will have a right to do that.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I will wait Sir.

MR SPEAKER Thank you. Now Mr H M Patel.

11 09 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE—
contd

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT 1975 AND UNDER CUSTOMS ACT 1962 AND A STATEMENT RE REASONS FOR DELAY IN LAYING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF UIFGIC LTD, MADRAS FOR 1974

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) I beg to lay on the Table—

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English

versions) under sub section (2) of section 8 read with sub-section (3) of section 7 of the Customs Tariff Act 1975 —

(i) GSR 870(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 6th November 1976 making certain amendment to the Second Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act 1975

(ii) GSR 877(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 13th November 1976 making certain amendment to the Second Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act 1975

(iii) GSR 13(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 12th January 1977 making certain amendment to the Second Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act 1975

(2) A copy of Notification No GSR 14(E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 12th January 1977 under section 159 of the Customs Act 1962 together with an explanatory memorandum. [Placed in Library See No LT 11/77]

(3) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the Annual Report* of the United India Fire and General Insurance Company Limited Madras for the year 1974 and a Review by the Government on the working of the said Company [Placed in Library See No LT-12/77]

11.31 hrs.

ASSENT TO BILLS

SECRETARY GENERAL Sir I lay on the Table following five Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament

*The Report was laid on the Table on the 4th November, 1976

[Secretary-General]

during the Eighteenth Session of Fifth Lok Sabha and assented to —

(1) The Appropriation (Railways) No 4 Bill, 1976

(2) The Appropriation (Railways) No 5 Bill, 1976

(3) The Appropriation (No 7) Bill 1976

(4) The Gujarat Appropriation (No 2) Bill, 1976

(5) The Pondicherry Appropriation (No 4) Bill, 1976

2. I also lay on the Table copies duly authenticated by the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha of the following three Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Eighteenth Session of Fifth Lok Sabha and assented to —

(1) The House of the People (Extension of Duration) Amendment Bill, 1976

(2) The Electricity (Supply) Amendment Bill, 1976

(3) The Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Bill, 1976

11 10 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET, 1977-78 AND DEMANDS FOR GRANTS* ON ACCOUNT (RAILWAYS) 1977-78

MR. SPEAKER We will now take up the General Discussion on the Railway Budget

Motion moved

"That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts shown in the third column of the Order Paper, be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of India on account for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1978 in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos 1 to 11 11A, 12 to 16, 21 and 22"

*List of Demands for Grants on Account (Railways) for 1977-78 submitted to the
Vote of Lok Sabha*

No of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant on Account
1	2	3
1	Railway Board	84 24 000
2	Miscellaneous Expenditure	4,05,33,000
3	Payments to Worked Lines and others	15 56,000
4	Working Expenses—Administration	52 79,80,000
5	Working Expenses—Repairs and Maintenance	221,48,94,000
6	Working Expenses—Operating Staff	112 91,45,000
7	Working Expenses—Operation (Fuel)	109,28,16 000
8	Working Expenses—Operation other than Staff and Fuel	36,53,76 000

*Moved with the recommendation of the Vice-President acting as President

1	2	3
9	Working Expenses—Miscellaneous Expenses	19,58,56,000
10	Working Expenses—Staff Welfare	19,10,53,000
11	Working Expenses—Appropriation to Depreciation Reserve Fund	46,66,67,000
11A	Working Expenses—Appropriation to Pension Fund	13,33,33,000
12	Dividend to general Revenues and Contribution for Grants to States in lieu of Passenger Fare Tax	6,02,13,000
13	Open Line Works (Revenue)	2,99,95,000
14	Construction of new Lines—Capital and Depreciation Reserve Fund	17,27,44,000
15	Open Line Works—Capital Depreciation Reserve Fund and Development Fund	423,27,15,000
16	Pensionary Charges—Pension Fund	12,80,32,000
21	Appropriation to accident Compensation Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund	3,07,61,000
22	Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund	1,76,33,000

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA (Delhi Sadar) What is the time allotted for the railway budget and for the general budget?

MR. SPEAKER We have to pass them today. We will have two hours for the railway budget. We will have ample time to discuss the various points on the discussion on the President's Address on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Further, the general budget will be there in the month of May. For the present I would appeal to the Members on both the sides to pass these Demands by the evening today so that it may go to the Rajya Sabha tomorrow. If you help me it is all right. If you want a little more time I have no objection.

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM (Palani) It should not be rushed through like this. We cannot pass everything today. Because, in the general budget, there are some points which we want to raise.

MR. SPEAKER How much time do you require for the railway budget?

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM I was saying that for the general budget, more time may be allotted.

MR. SPEAKER We will allot two hours for the railway budget.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai) Sir, yesterday you were pleased to observe that you would consider some of the points that we had made yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER Are you referring to something under rule 377?

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA Yesterday I had drawn your attention to a question of propriety as also a question of breach of privilege and you were pleased to observe that you would give some thought to this matter and come today and tell the House about your view in the matter.

MR. SPEAKER I do not know, I am not very clear about it. Are you referring to the adjournment motion?

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA My submission was that the imposition of President's Rule on Jammu and Kashmir was announced to the whole world but the House was not informed about it. That constituted, in my view, a question of propriety if you so please also a question of

[Shri Shyamnandan Mishra]

breach of the privilege of the House. You were pleased to observe that you would give some thought to the matter and come to the House today and give your ruling

MR SPEAKER I would suggest that you raise this issue also along with the other points when we discuss this subject. Then the Government would be in a position to give the reply

AN HON MEMBER It is a special issue

MR. SPEAKER I know it is a special issue. The question is whether Government is ready to give a reply. It is true I said yesterday that I will give my thought to this matter.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA
But it must be treated separately

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola)
The explanation should be laid on the Table. It should not be confused with the discussion on the adjournment motion. Government must lay the Proclamation and the reasons for the same on the Table. Government have already announced them to the world outside and not to the House. That is the complaint.

SHRI J. RAMESHWARA RAO (Mahbubnagar) There is a convention that when the House is in session if any important announcements are to be made the House should first be informed of them before they are released to the press. That is what my colleague Shri Shyamnandan Mishra, is drawing your attention to. It has nothing to do with the adjournment motion.

PROF SHIBBAN LAL SAKSENA (Maharajganj) I have given notice of some cut motions.

MR. SPEAKER I was dealing with them. But in between came this demand.

Has the Prime Minister anything to say on this point?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) If you want me to say something on this now, I will say it. In any case during discussion on the adjournment motion I will have to say why this was done. So, I would not refer to that now. This was an action taken by the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. I have been advised by the Law Ministry Law Minister, that it has to be laid before the Assembly and not in Parliament here. I am examining it further. (Interruptions)

SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI (Anantnag) Where is the Assembly? The Prime Minister should know that the Assembly has been dissolved.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur)
How can the Governor dissolve the Assembly?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI Now I say that we have been told that it is not necessary to lay it on the Table of the House here and that it need be laid only in the legislature there. (Interruptions)

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA. It is the most unconstitutional thing that the Prime Minister is submitting here.

SHRI MORARJI DESAI After President's Rule is declared it will come here and not go before the Legislature. This is what I was advised. If the advice is not proper I will examine it again. If it is wrong, I will make amends for it.

MR. SPEAKER The Assembly is no more there. Therefore it cannot be placed before the Assembly. The Prime Minister has agreed to get it examined further and make amends. I think it is a very fine gesture. We shall now go to the next item.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA
I may point out for the consideration of the Prime Minister that the Gov-

stitution of Jammu and Kashmir also makes it abundantly clear that the proclamation has to be issued with the concurrence of the President of India

MR SPEAKER He says that he will examine it further and make amendments I think Mr Mishra should leave it there

I would now request hon Members to move their cut motions

PROF SHIBBAN LAL SAKSENA What about the cut motions given notice of today?

MR SPEAKER Normally you should give the previous day However I will waive the rule and allow you to move the cut motions

The cut motions are taken as received

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore) I beg to move

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Need to abolish the Railway Board (1)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Failure to concede the just major demands of Railwaymen which were put forward by the National Coordination Committee of Railwaymen's Struggle in February 1974 (2)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Failure to provide adequate cover to Railway Platforms in Kerala where there is heavy monsoon (3)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Need to absorb all catering staff in permanent posts (4)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Failure to provide adequate housing to all railway employees especially in smaller stations (5)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Need to upgrade a further number of posts of Class II III and IV employees (6)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Need to abolish the practice of social burdens in freight structure (7)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Failure to prevent the frequent accidents in recent months (8)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Need to man all railway level crossings and thus prevent further accidents (9)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Failure to grant recognition to NE Railway Mazdoor Union (10)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced to Re 1

[Failure to restore recognition to SE. Railwaymen's Union (11)]

[Shrimati, Parvathi Krishnan]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced to Re 1"

[Need to provide adequate railway lines in economically backward areas (12)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure to extend Provident Fund and Gratuity Acts to cover all the railway employees (13)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure to grant bonus to Railwaymen (14)]

SHRI SOUGATA ROY (Barrackpore) I beg to move

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure to departmentalise all contract labour in the Railways (15)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure to start work on double line in the Bongaon line in Sealdah division and the Bundel-Katwa line (16)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure to expedite work on the Metropolitan Transport Project, Calcutta (17)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure to speed up the conversion to broad gauge of N.F. Railway, thereby affecting freight

movement to and fro Calcutta Port (18)]

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN.
I beg to move

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ordinary Working Expenses—Administration' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Need to meet the demands of S.M.'s and A.S.M.'s of Olvakkot Division of Southern Railway (19)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ordinary Working Expenses—Administration' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Need for reinstatement of office bearers of Integral Coach Factory Workers' Union (20)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ordinary Working Expenses—Operating Staff' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Need to provide conductor guards in each railway coach (21)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ordinary Working Expenses—Operating Staff' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Need to increase the ticket checking staff on Southern Railway (22)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ordinary Working Expenses—Operation (Fuel)' be reduced by Rs. 100"

[Need to speed up electrification of Madras-Vijayawada section of Southern and South-Central Railways (23)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ordinary Working Expenses—Operation (Fuel)' be reduced by Rs. 100"

[Need to speed up electrification of Madras Arkonam section of Southern Railway (24)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Construction of New Lines—Capital and Depreciation Reserve Fund' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Need to undertake construction of broad gauge link from Tiruchu to Tuticorin (25)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Construction of New Lines—Capital and Depreciation Reserve Fund' be reduced by Rs. 100"

[Need to construct a new railway line between Ernakulam and Kayamkulam via Alleppey (26)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Construction of New Lines—Capital and Depreciation Reserve Fund' be reduced by Rs. 100"

[Need to construct a new railway line between Kuttippuram and Trichur via Guruvayoor (27)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Construction of New Lines—Capital and Depreciation Reserve Fund' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Need for the early construction of new rail link between Mangalore and Bombay (28)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Construction of New Lines—Capital and Depreciation Reserve Fund' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Need for the construction of a railway line between Tellicherry and Mysore via Coorg (29)]

PROF. SHIBBAN LAL SAKSENA I beg to move

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced by Rs. 100"

[Failure to drop the use of Railway Saloons for Railway Officers on various Railways (30)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced by Rs 100."

[Failure to provide sufficient trains connecting Allahabad with Bombay (31)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to extend Shane Awadh to Kanpur and back on NE Railway (32)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to expedite the conversion of metre gauge to broad gauge on NE Railway from Lucknow to Gorakhpur and Bhatni to Allahabad (33)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to provide a pool of peons on Railways as in Secretariat instead of one peon for each Railway (34)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced by Rs. 100."

[Failure to stop practice of use of peons for domestic service of officers and reduction of their number for officers (35)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Railway Board' be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to provide coach attendants in all first class compartments of Mail and Express trains on NE Railway (36)]

[Prof Shibban Lal Saksena]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to provide dining cars in Mail and Express trains on N.E. and other Railways (37)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to provide a telegraph office on Gorakhpur Junction station (38)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to provide a really large properly furnished First Class waiting room at Gorakhpur Railway Headquarters Junction (39)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100

[Failure to provide a really large furnished Second Class waiting room at Gorakhpur Railway Headquarters Junction (40)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100

[Failure to provide suitable trains connecting Gorakhpur with Calcutta Bombay and Madras (41)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to provide electrification on N.E. Railway (42)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100

[Failure to restore one instalment of D.A. to Railway Employees (43)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Railway Board be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to announce that all losses suffered by Railwaymen during strike will be compensated (44)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Construction of New Lines—Capital Depreciation Reserve Fund be reduced by Rs. 100"

[Failure to connect 1 bulha Maharaj Ganj Michlaul and Thuntibari by train from Gorakhpur (45)]

MR SPEAKER Shri Henry Austen
Absent Shri S. Kundi

SHRI S KUNDU (Baleasore) I rise to support the Budget presented by the Railway Minister. I would particularly mention here that after the spell of black rule that covered the whole of India this Budget and the reliefs which the Railway Minister has given to the workmen should be applauded by all those who really feel for the workmen who are suffering so that our democracy becomes a living democracy. He has gone out of his way to reinstate all the workers who were dismissed during the railway strike. I would like to point out that during the emergency many of the workers were tortured. Many labour leaders who did not support the black rule and the black measures of the Congress Government Indira Gandhi's Government were punished directly or indirectly. Many of them have been removed have been demoted and many of their benefits have been taken away from them. Trade unions not only on the railways but all over India were made to subserve a counterie a family not even the Government in power.

I would appeal to the Railway Minister to consider this point because this is a valid point. The Minister has said that all those

workers will be reinstated. The hon. Members on the other side fully understand that unless they are treated as on duty, it will create a lot of complications. I would request that this should be amended in such a way that all those workers who were on strike and were harassed during the emergency, these 19-20 months, by the dictatorial Government should be treated as if they were on duty.

I was a Member in the Fourth Lok Sabha. I was also a Member of the Railway Convention Committee at that time. I was also a Member of the Select Committee in which this thing was also examined. Mr. Qureshi was then the Deputy Minister. I do not see any former Railway Minister here.

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER: I do not like this cross-examination. It should not happen.

SHRI S. KUNDU: We are happy that the Railway Minister has got a team of dedicated men who served the poor people all these years. It is in the fitness of things that the Railway Minister has been given the charge of one of the biggest public sector undertakings not only in India but the whole world and he should make it workers oriented. The whole railways, as I have seen them, are resembling or perpetuating the monarchical trend. All the top officers have the legacy left over by the Maharaas. When I see their behaviour, their approach and attitude, I find that it does not fit in with the current needs of the time. I am sure Mr. Madhu Dandavate will have the cooperation of all those Members who have been now relegated to some back benches in the House. They must also analyse this matter and see how far they can lend their helping hand to Mr. Madhu Dandavate. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, through you, I would appeal to the Railway Minister to see

that the workers' participation scheme really becomes meaningful. How it becomes meaningful is a question of detail and I am not going into it in detail because the time is short. I would request the Railway Minister to see all these things.

Most of the important recommendations of the Railway Convention Committee and the other Committees have not been accepted by the Railway Administration or there is some delay in accepting them and they give some excuse here or there. I would request him that very important and far reaching recommendations of the Railway Convention Committee must also be accepted.

Yesterday when the Railway Minister was making his speech, Members from the Opposition side were praising the achievements made by the Railway Board during the past few years. I would like to say here that these achievements are entirely due to the hard work of the working class whom some Members in the Opposition call them anti-nationals. These people whom you call anti-national worked hard through terror and fear without submitting to the whims of some individuals in the Railway Administration. They worked hard for the prosperity of the nation and they kept the wheels of the progress moving. There were certain people who were following the black rule. Now, we have to decide whether we should give praise to these people or to the people who have been working very hard and kept the progress of the railways moving.

I am happy that the hon. Railway Minister Mr. Madhu Dandavate has made the position very clear about the railwaymen who were dismissed or suspended from service during the 1974 strike.

They wanted the trade unions to serve their interests. They did not serve them even. They served some

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individuals They were meant to serve only 1 1/2 people in India

I would like to say that during the last 2 months of black rule during Emergency many committees bipartite tripartite etc have been set up All of them should be abolished lock stock and barrel Most of them have been the protagonists of Emergency one way or the other These protagonists of Emergency should not be allowed to remain in the committees We have to serve the people As the able Finance Minister said we have faith in our people and we are determined to serve the people We want to show to the entire nation that the Janta Party the Janta Government will serve the people the toiling masses of the country To achieve this end the protagonists of Emergency those people who are anti people those people who wanted the trade unions to serve the interests of only 1 1/2 people in India should not find any place in these committees

AN HON MEMBER They are the real fascists

SHRI S KUNDU I would not say that I see the hero of Satara sitting in front of me When I was in jail for 19 months while reading the speeches, I was terrified and shocked I ask Where was the hero of Satara? What was he doing? Why his voice is choked up? I do not mean any disrespect to Mr Chavan. I have got all love and respect for him. You all kept your mouths shut I will not call you the guilty men of India for what happened in the last 20 months I would only say that you did not open your mouth.

There cannot be a better person like the hon Speaker whom I am addressing I remember how nice he has been to me in the Fourth Lok Sabha. He used to ask me "Why don't you put a question?"

He had so much love and fellow-feeling for the Members of the House I cannot find a better person than him as the hon Speaker

Sir my heart is burning inside me to narrate the horrible tortures committed in jail I was confined in a room for two months till the MISA was amended and they put me behind the bars All of you are witness to the black period of Emergency We have been slaves to the perpetuation of the family rule of 1 1/2 persons You cannot get out of it You have to get out of it The sooner you get out of it the better it will be You better speak out now in the House and say that you admit your faults so that democracy is strengthened I know most of the friends tell us outside that they made mistakes I like them I embrace them I respect them because they are truthful because they are honest They could not resist How could they resist? Even the hero of Satara was keeping silent

Now I come to the other point There is the hero of the trade union movement Mr George Fernandes He is the leader of the working class Everybody knows how he was tortured in jail. Another hero is the hon. Railway Minister I am happy that the Railway Minister has said that he would pay special attention to the needs of the Backward States

I hope he will remember and will not forget as the periphery of influence grows round the Minister I will not spare any Minister but will sidetrack the influence of those who become more and more powerful He should not forget that Orissa is a State which has been neglected I represent the poor people of Orissa (80 per cent of the people in my area are below the poverty line)

We have been fooled for years and years together Even during this election some sort of an inaugural

ceremony was conducted for laying a line from Banspani to Jakhapura. What mockery is this? Even during the earlier Elections a foundation stone was laid by the Prime Minister but it had to be uprooted because the line had become silted with dust and rain-water. Now, during this Election again, they have laid some of these foundation stones. I hope this line will be completed within a period of one year.

Then, there is the Roopsa-Talaburd line which is the lifeline of the backward district of Mayurban where Adivasis live. This has not been made broadgauge and it has not been connected to the Khargpur-Bombay line. This has to be taken up. I would like a Master Plan to be drawn up showing what line will get what priority in this backward State and what will be the allocation of resources.

Again, though 90 per cent of the South-Eastern Railway lines pass through Orissa the Headquarters is elsewhere. I would like the Headquarters also to come to some place in Orissa. If this cannot be done immediately, at least a subsidiary office, next to the General Manager's office, should be there in Orissa march ahead.

With these words I again thank the Railway Minister and I hope that with our sustained help and the cooperation of everybody, we will march ahead.

MR. SPEAKER There is some mistake here, I called Dr Henry Austin because his name was here. Actually, Shri Mohd Shafi Qureshi ought to have begun, but because of this mistake, I called the other side.

I would appeal to the Members to be brief. If each Member takes half an hour, we cannot possibly finish this in a couple of hours. There is the General Discussion to follow for which we will take ample time.

Now, if any Member sends me a slip, it will be convenient to me if it comes through the Party. If individual Members want to speak, I don't know whom to call and whom not to call as I get slips from the Parties also. I would therefore request you to send your slips through the Party so that it will be easier for me. Shri Austin had sent his slip individually and therefore I did not call Shri Mohd Shafi Qureshi. I would now call him or Shri Pai or anybody who wants to speak on behalf of the Party.

श्री मनोहरलाल (बानपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, पिछले 19 महीने जो हमने बजट उठाये हैं, उसकी कृष्ण गाया की यहा 2 मिनट में कैसे कह सकते हैं ?

श्री बसन्त साठे : बीते हुए 19 महीने की बात कहना चाहते हैं ।

MR. SPEAKER You must send them to me through the Party. I cannot call individuals. I would request both of you not to waste time.

SHRI T A PAI (Udipi) Mr Speaker, Sir I would, at the outset, like to place on record the excellent performance of the Indian railways for the last two years. As an Indian, I would not like to minimise whatever achievements we have merely because sometimes our attitude is purely partisan, that would demoralise the people who have worked well in this country. The railway organisation cannot be maintained without discipline. I am prepared to agree that thanks to the workers who were dedicated and who have worked very well during the last two years, for the first time we had discipline and, thereby it was shown how our assets could be better utilised in the interest of the country.

I am aware that the railway labour movement is not united. Every section has got its own leader and this had created considerable problems for

[Shri T A Pal]

the country For the first time the Government has now a chance as most of the labour leaders are with them to have a unified labour movement in the railways and to maintain discipline With discipline alone the railways can survive The role of the railways is not restricted to passenger traffic or to the movement of freight in this country It is an important second wing of the defence forces If you insist that there should be discipline in the Army in the Navy and in the Air Force I think, you should also insist that there should be discipline in the railways Most of our economy depends on how the railways function and it is possible that even in a case of national Emergency if one or the other wing of the railways is paralysed there would be a complete breakdown As a member coming from the Opposition, I would say we are looking at this problem very constructively and we would not likely to come in the way if discipline could be obtained by persuasion by agreement we are for it We are not saying that discipline should be enforced But what we are saying is that without discipline the railways would not be able to function, and we have got to go very much forward I know that the railway organization has become very unwieldy it requires a second look I would very much wish that the powers are decentralised The General Managers in all the sections are very important I do not know why we get into this habit even in the matter of adjusting the time table the matter is decided in Delhi and not at the various headquarters I do believe that the General Managers are equally competent because it is from their rank that the board Members are drawn I do not know why after coming here their attitude changes I would very much

request the Minister of Railways to look into the problem of decentralisation in order to make it a very effective organization It has become too unwieldy to be run like a business organization Apart from that there is the hang over of many traditions that the railways are accustomed to As a matter of fact there has always been a cry in this country that technocrats should be entrusted with the responsibility and not the general administrators All the Members of the Railway Board are technocrats I do not know whether they function differently because it is the same rules and regulations which govern them also which prevent them from becoming a business organization which it ought to be I know that the Railways have very competent electrical engineers and telecommunication engineers, but I do not think that, even once any one of them has gone to the rank of Railway Board Membership I would request that all these people may be given equal opportunities to occupy top positions Somehow it is a hangover; when civil engineers are in charge of this, it is likely that they think that additional traffic can be moved only by doubling the line and more emphasis is laid on civil construction I would appeal to the Railway Minister to consider some of these problems We ourselves would have been compelled to look into them if we were in the Government The administration should not be carried on like this

As I have been saying, the number of railway wagons that we have is about five lakhs and these cannot be managed only by sitting here through manual operations All over the world they have computerised the movement of wagons It would be necessary to know where exactly our wagons are why they are stuck up and why they should not be moved more efficiently This is another suggestion that I would like the Minister to consider

Again we found that in the last two years things improved very considerably. We had a very heavy backlog of maintenance and our inventory of the railways was very heavy. A committee had been set up to look into the problem of inventories and I believe that Committee has already made a recommendation. I do hope that the inventory management in the railways would be taken care of and we would be able to manage and achieve higher targets in mind with less resources.

It is known now that the passenger trains have been running punctually. I would like the hon. Minister to look into the freight trains also because if that is at the expense of the freight trains and the freight trains come late it would affect the economy a great deal. The major part of the income of the railways comes from the freight and any effort to increase even by 10 per cent the revenues coming from freight without increasing the freight charges would be welcome because it is a matter of efficient management of the freight also.

The railways have introduced quick delivery system on extra payment. I do not know how far they have been effective in carrying out this quick delivery. Very often, I remember we had to refund the money because we could not deliver in time. I would very much like that the railways introduce quicker trains for movement of fruit, vegetables and perishables so that the prices of these things come down. That would be possible by free movement of these commodities.

So far as new additional railway lines are concerned there has been heavy capital expenditure over these years. I would very much like that the hon. Minister who has now given an assurance also to see that the Konkan railway is taken care of. It should not stop at Ratnagiri; the logical conclusion is that it must go right upto Mangalore. The survey is already over and the report must be

in his hands in a few days. I would expect him to take up that work from both ends. That is the only missing link of the railways in the map of India. I hope it would not be considered parochial for him to do it.

Ultimately with regard to the question of fixing up the freight charges and fares I think, a new outlook is necessary. In the case of new railways for example, it is not necessary to follow the same method of fixing up the freight or passenger fares. It must be slightly less than the alternative that is only available if the railways are not there. I would also like the Railway Minister to examine whether their standard of opening up railway stations in various places and the capital expenditure that would be incurred in order to arrive at what it would cost cannot be reviewed and we have absolutely new standards where austerity is attempted and though maximum comforts are not assured in the beginning you go on adding those to the railway station as and when the traffic develops. I think it would be possible to look into this in this way otherwise it would be impossible to extend railways because you can always prove that a new railway line is uneconomical. I would very much like that this is gone into also.

The entire administration of the railways requires to be looked into to make it a very powerful organization run on business principles.

I would also like to point out that as a result of some Committee of the Parliament one recommendation was made that one could reserve a railway ticket one year in advance. I think, it is an absurd proposition. I would request the hon. Minister to look into this and set that right. I am appealing in the interest of the travelling public. Whatever irritations are there those have to be removed.

[Shri T A Pai]

In the end I would like to say that the traditions of discipline better labour relations having one union etc are attempted now also They are no more leaders now they are all in the Government They would not have unions now for the sake of their leadership There should be only one union Even the lieutenants may be asked to join together and have one union in the interest of the nation and the railways

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah) Mr Speaker, Sir Though the budget presented here has been prepared by the outgoing Government the outlook expressed by the new Minister is welcome I am not going into the contents of the budget presented, that I will do in future when the occasion arises

The declaration of taking back all the victimised workers involved in 1974 All India Railway Strike has been hailed by all the Railwaymen outside But I would like to draw the attention of the Minister that the situation inside the Railways in regard to the employees is so bad, is so serious that it requires careful attention of the Minister I may draw his attention to a telegram which has been received by me only last evening from the President Chittaranjan Locomotive Labour Union. There all the thirteen top labour union leaders are still under detention under MISA even today They have been under detention for the last more than 20 months Repeatedly, I have been representing their case to Shri Mohd. Shafi Quresh former Railway Minister, to the Consultative Committee, to the Railway Board, to the State Government, but because of sheer vengeance based on political motive these leaders have been kept under detention and a reign of terror is raging in Chittaranjan. This township is called a prison township

Not only this that the leaders have been kept under detention, but a large number of leaders were also arrested under DIR and a large number of false cases have been instituted against them All this requires your immediate intervention

These leaders command respect in their area They are the persons who had been selected in the school committees in the co-operatives and elsewhere They are the real representatives of the people That is the reason why at the instance of the local Congress leaders they have been kept under detention and a reign of terror is raging there

The victimisation has not been limited simply to 1974 General Railway Strike During emergency more than 2000 Railwaymen have been dismissed from service They have been penalised in the form of penal transfers, in the form of demotion, in the form of compulsory retirement etc Various methods have been applied to take away the Trade Union rights The way these rights have been taken away is clear from one of the Circulars which I am reading Circular No B/P 694/P has been received by me

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B/P 694/P

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Sub Unrecognised Unions/Categorical councils conducting of meetings in the Railway Premises

It has come to the notice of this office that unrecognised, categorical councils are conducting meetings/collecting membership and pasting banners within the Railway premises All India Guards council is one of such unrecognised unions

Conducting meetings within the Railway premises pasting banners on the Railway Buildings by the unrecognised unions tantamounts to an act of serious misconduct. All supervisory officials are hereby instructed not to allow all such things in the Railway premises.

Even for collection of Union Membership Fee in Waltair one leader of the Union has been dismissed from service.

Shri T. A. Pal talking about discipline. This is what has been the outlook of discipline of bureaucrats. They know only one form of discipline. (Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER I request hon. Members not to come to the Chair and disturb me while I am listening to the Member who is speaking. I would like to discourage such a thing so that Members may not disturb me when I am following the proceedings of the House. If they begin coming here and disturb me that means I will not follow the proceedings at all. I would appeal to them—I am not having in my mind anybody particularly but I am speaking generally—not to disturb me when I am following the proceedings of the House. They can always send me chits. So as a matter of principle I request them that they need not come here and disturb me instead they can send slips to me.

SHRI VASANT SATHE From this side you will not have any complaint.

MR SPEAKER I am appealing to the whole House.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE Mr Speaker Sir I would appeal to the hon. Minister that all those who had been victimised due to the bureaucratic behaviour by the Administration must get justice. All their cases must be reviewed. They should be taken back. Mr T. A. Pal just now told us about discipline. The former

ruling party has only one outlook about discipline. They force them to go out of employment. They force them to face starvation. They force them to go out of jobs. By terrifying them you do all sorts of things. This is what is being done by the employers in the factories in the case of the industrial workers. The employees are forced to give out double or treble workload and the employers are coming with the democles sword of discipline hanging over the heads of these employees. If the workers resist something it is said that there is no discipline. If the Union leaders organise the workers in protest the cry is that they are creating chaos. There are two types of discipline—conscious discipline and bureaucratic discipline. Conscious discipline is far more superior than the bureaucratic discipline. I can give you one example. You know the role of the American Army and the People's Liberation Army in South Vietnam. It is the superior discipline and the conscious discipline that won ultimately. The American army had only bureaucratic discipline. When the liberation struggle was on the point of success in South Vietnam, you have read in the newspapers how the American forces behaved, how out of panic they and each other to flee away how they were degenerated. All these have been proved. So I would emphatically say that it is only conscious discipline that will help the Railway Administration to improve its functioning as quickly as possible.

That is why an entirely new outlook is necessary in this matter.

This new outlook must pervade the entire administration as a whole including the Railway Board. This is very essential. Of course I do agree that it takes time.

We are prepared to give full time to the new Railway Minister for a thorough overhaul of the administration of the railways provided of

[Shri Samar Mukherjee]

course he seeks the full cooperation of the workers/railway employees for the efficient working of the Railway Administration.

There are one or two cases to which I would like to draw his attention. One was regarding the agreement which was arrived at with the All India Loco Running Staff Association by the Railways in the year 1973. There was a categorical assurance given to them that ten hours duty would be introduced throughout the Railways by 31st December, 1976. But that has not yet been implemented. This is a grievance which is still there among the Loco Running staff. I would urge on the Railway Minister to take up this issue and talk with the leaders of the Loco Running Staff Association and to see how this agreement can be implemented as early as possible.

Regarding the punishment or victimisation of staff I hope the new Minister will pay special attention to this and do the needful in the matter.

With these few remarks I welcome the Budget speech of the hon. Railway Minister and I support the same.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East) Mr Speaker, Sir I would have preferred to listen to all the other speeches but seeing all the tall claims that were made by the former discredited ruling party, I think that it has become necessary for me to explode all those tall claims with the help of the statistics which they themselves must have prepared. Obviously because this Explanatory Memorandum must have been prepared by them long before our Government took over.

Now one of the things that has been constantly said about is that the Railway Budget is a surplus one. This is an indication of the efficiency, an

indication of the discipline that has been brought about to Railways.

Of course, they also claim that for the first time since the declaration of emergency, the trains were made to run on time, just as the rains were brought on time, the trains were also made to run on time. In other words, the trains were not on time earlier on. But the fact of the matter is this. This surplus was not due to efficiency alone. One has also to examine the Explanatory Memorandum to find out why it has become a clear surplus. This has been achieved because of the steep rise in fares that took place in the year just before the emergency through the Supplementary Budget for Railways which was brought in incidentally because the Government spent Rs 1500 crores as a national loss in order to crush the railway strike in order to deny the workers who had asked for the bonus which would have amounted to only Rs 40 crores.

In other words this Government would rather have a national loss of Rs 1500 crores than give the workers the bonus of Rs 40 crores.

The passenger earning which has been realised through the steep rise in the fares. In what direction? If you again look at the statistics you will find that the upper classes have contributed only to a ten per cent increase in the earnings whereas the second-class—lower class—passenger earnings have contributed to a twenty-five per cent increase in the earnings. In other words the rate of increase in the earnings has fallen much more in the upper class obviously because in the upper class, people like Shri Sathe and others travel and they do not pay anything at all. (Interruptions)

The second factor is this. Look at the performance of the railways in the matter of freight that has been moved during the last one year. They had targeted a figure of 220 millions

tonnes of freight last year in the budget whereas they had moved 260 million tonnes of freight. Is this something to be proud of? Actually, in 1965-66, the railways had moved the freight of 212 million metric tonnes—this is a glorious decade of these ten years—and all these people did the bhajan songs when Mrs Gandhi was in power. I do not know whether they still go to her residence or not. The question is at the time when the emergency was there they talked about this glorious decade.

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Has this glorious decade reflected on the Railways? Obviously not. Sir, you have to look at the figures. In 1965-66 the amount of freight which was moved by the Indian railways was 212 million metric tonnes. Now, it has come down to 206 million metric tonnes. This itself is a clear indication of what they have done to the railways. Again the freight earnings—where the Government should obtain more earnings—over the last year have gone down by Rs 33 crores. How have the freight earnings gone down? It is because of the concessions that have been given during the Emergency to the chosen few who managed to go and meet the one and a half person at 1 Safdarjang Road.

Sir, if you again look at the Explanatory Memorandum, the wagon production which was 33 000 per year in 1965 has now come down to 11 000. I would like to know why has this happened? The production of wagons has gone down tremendously now; it is only one-third of the production in 1965-66. Sir, I would like to refer to page 23 of the Explanatory Memorandum where you find a table showing 'new works'. I would like to know have any new works been started during the last year? Sir, you will find from the table that

hardly any new work has been started. In fact old works are continuing and that too are incompletely done.

Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon Railway Minister to Chembur Mankhurd line that had to be doubled. Big promises had been given for doubling this line. In 1971 the estimated amount of expenditure on doubling of this three and a half kilo metre line was Rs 20 crores. They kept on delaying this project. Now, the estimated expenditure is supposed to be Rs 50 crores. Sir, you will be amused to find that they have only targeted Rs 7 lakhs for this purpose this year. I would like to know why the poor people of Chembur-Mankhurd have to move on a single line and suffer long delays.

Sir, I would also like to add that there has been an increase in corruption in the railways. I am sure the present Railway Minister who has got a brilliant reputation in his constituency—people there praise him very affectionately because of the work done by him consistently—will look into the causes of corruption. Sir, just before the Emergency I had written a letter to Shri Kamalapati Tripathi bringing to his notice that the Minister of State for Railways had tried through extortion to get money from Stall Holders Association.

SHRI K LAKKAPPA: Mr Speaker, Sir, it is not fair on the part of the hon Member.

MR SPEAKER: Mr Lakkappa, I am on my legs. Mr Qureshi will have a chance to reply to it. He will have a chance to defend himself. I think Mr Qureshi is capable enough to defend himself.

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Sir, I was talking about a letter which I had written to Shri Kamalapati Tripathi in May 1975 saying from the Stall Holders Association there was an attempt to obtain money through extortion. Sir, I have tape-recorded

[Dr Subramaniam Swamy]

evidence with me and the hon Minister may give me an opportunity to present the same I would like to know from the present Railway Minister as to whether this letter is still on the file. If it is not there I will send another copy of the same and again give an opportunity to the Government to bring this matter up.

Now Sir, I would request the Railway Minister

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER No, no, Mr Lakkappa He is capable of defending himself He is here in the House

SHRI K LAKKAPPA He is making unfounded allegations

MR. SPEAKER If it is unfounded, he can answer it how. How to you know anything about it, founded or unfounded? You do not know anything

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER No, Mr Lakkappa, I won't allow this. He is here. He will reply. Why should you be excited?

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: I would like to conclude by asking the Railway Minister an assurance that as far as the Chembur-Mankhurd line goes, the amount that has to be spent to immediately get the line doubled, he would do so. Secondly, the problems of rapid transit in Bombay are very very serious indeed and they have been grossly neglected and I hope he would pay immediate attention to the development of rapid transport system in Bombay.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN We have got a convention in this House that normally we should not interrupt those who are making maiden speeches. So I would request everybody not to interrupt maiden speeches even if they are 'unmaiden'.

MR SPEAKER In this particular case there is no allegation at all. He was referring to a letter which he had written and Mr Qureshi is there immediately to reply. I would very much appreciate if Mrs Parvathi Krishnans suggestion is taken by the Members. But she also must control herself.

श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरेशी (अनन्तनाग) : मुझे खुशी है कि नए रेल मंत्री ने बजट पढ़ा, पेन नहीं बिगा और जो बातें उन्होंने अपनी तबदीर में बही हैं वे इस यान की गवाही हैं कि पिछले दो सालों से रेलों की जो बारबदेसी रही है वह ऐसी रही है जिस पर सारा मुल्क फटा कर सकता है। यह सही है कि इतने बड़े कार्यालय चलाने के लिये जिस में तबदीरान 17 लाख लोग काम करते हैं, जो एगिया का सबसे बड़ा रेलवे सिस्टम है, जहां पर तबदीरान दस हजार गाड़ियां रोजाना स्टेशनों पर चलती हैं, बिना रेल कर्मचारियों के सहयोग के प्रबन्धी तरह से नहीं चलाया जा सकता था और इसके लिये सभी रेल कर्मचारियों को भी बढ़ाई देना है। उन्होंने इतने बड़े काम में हमारा हाथ बढ़ाया है और हिन्दुस्तान की रेलों को ऐसा मुकाम दिलाया है जिस पर हम सब फख्र कर सकते हैं (स्वयंवाचन) एक बात मैं चाहूंगा। पालियामेंट का धाराब सीखना है तो एक दो दिन सब करें और उसके बाद किसी की बात को नाटना हो तो बाटें। इस एवान का सलीका सीखना है तो कुछ हमसे सीखिये।

मैं रेल मंत्री की याद दा त साजा करता चाहता हूँ। 1974 की धोर में उनका ध्यान दिलाना चाहता हूँ जब हिन्दुस्तान के रेलवे सिस्टम को तबाह करने की एक साजिश की गई थी। केरल और मद्रास में सब सूखा पड़ा हुआ था और पंजाब और हरियाणा में हमारे खेत लहलहा रहे थे। गेहूँ हमारे पास मौजूद था। उस वक्त एक साजिश की गई ताकि हुकूमत को उल्टा जा सके और उसका एक तरीका यह निकाला गया कि लोगों को सूखा मारा जाए। उस मौक़े पर रेल

कर्मचारियों ने उन तमाम नेताओं को जिन्होंने साजिश की थी एक बहुत अच्छा जवाब दिया था। रेलों की जो बारकांशी रही है वह रेलवे बजट से पता चल जाता है।

एक वक्त था जब इतने बड़े सिस्टम के बारे में जिस पर धरवा रूपा लगा हुआ है यह नारा लगाया जा रहा था

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काम नहीं आराम करेंगे

लेकिन हम चाहते थे कि मुल्क के हित में और जनता के हित में यह सिलसिला जारी रहना चाहिये। जो कुछ भी हुआ और जो कुछ भी कोशिश की गई रेलवे सिस्टम को बिगाड़ने की और इस कोशिश को नाकाम करने की रेल कर्मचारियों ने जो कोशिश की और जो सहयोग दिया उस के लिये मैं उनका मशकूर हूँ।

नए रेल मंत्री ने अपने बजट में तजक़िरा किया है कि स्टाफ के साथ हमारा तालमेल बेहतर होगा और इसकी शुरुआत की गई है।

मुझे इस की खुशी है कि उन्होंने इस बात को स्वीकार किया है। सच्ची बान मानने से बाई इन्कार नहीं कर सकता। लेकिन मुझे ताज़्जुब इस बात का है कि कूडू साहब ने यह कह दिया कि जितनी भी कमेंटियाँ बनाई गई हैं उन सब को एक दम से हटा दिया जाए। मैं चाहता था कि अगर वह खुद अपने मंत्री की तबरीर जिसमें सफ 11 पर कहा है कि

Apart from the shop councils formed in the production units of management and labour representatives the scheme of workers' participation has been extended to commercial and service organisations having large public dealings. As an experimental measure, station com-

mittees have been set up in Bombay, Madras and Delhi in which representatives of organised labour are associated with the objective of providing better service to customers

मुझे यकीन है कि कूडू साहब फिर ऐसा नहीं कहेंगे क्योंकि यह मकसद था कि जनता को सफर की सुविधा दी जाय।

मुझे अफसोस है कि श्री स्वामी ने मेरे खिलाफ कुछ चार्जेंज लगाये। मैं चार्जेंज लगाने का प्रादी नहीं हूँ, जात पर हमला नहीं करता। वाश वह हिन्दुस्तान में होते और देखते कि रेलवे ने कैसा काम किया है। मैं बेसलेस एलीगेंशन्स नहीं लगाता, लेकिन जो बात उन्होंने कही है, यह नये रेल मंत्री जी मौजूद हैं अगर वह एक केस भी साबित कर दें जहाँ पर किसी किस्म की गड़बड़ हो तो इस्तीफा मैं दे दूंगा, और अगर नहीं साबित कर पाते तो वह इस्तीफा दें। और अगर नाबित नहीं कर सकते तो फिर उन पर अखलाकी बात हो जाती है कि वह इस सदन को छोड़ दें, क्योंकि इस सदन की कुछ मर्यादा है उस को न बिगाड़ें। हम आपके लेविल पर नहीं आना चाहते हैं बल्कि एक ऊँचा लेविल रखना चाहते हैं। अभी आप की सरकार आयी है, जनता ने आपको मोवा दिया है इसलिये जनता के साथ विश्वासघात न कीजिये। जिस तरह से आप बातें करते हैं यह आप को शोभा नहीं देता है।

रेलवे के मुतालिक अभी माननीय स्वामी जी ने एक विताव पढ़ी, लेकिन उन को यह मालूम होना चाहिये कि हमारी पहली हुकूमत के जमाने में 212 मिलियन टन के अगर कैरी किया मात्र 206 या 210 कर रहें हैं और आप ताज़्जुब कर रहें हैं कि इसमें पैसा बढ गया। इसका लीड बढ गया बाण घोड़ा सा पढ भोते जिसके कि वह काबिल हैं लेकिन शायद रेलवे के मुहकमे की उनको कम जानकारी है। पहले 100 मील जाया था। मात्र 200 मील जाया है, उस

[श्री मुहम्मद जफ़ी बुरेशी]

माल की लीड बढ़ गई है, कारखाने बढ़ गए हैं, खानें दूर दूर तक खुली हुई हैं। तो लीड बढ़ने की वजह से भी आमदनी बढ़ी है। यह सही बात है कि पहले गुड्स ट्रेफिक से ज्यादा आमदनी होती थी। लेकिन यह कहना कि सिर्फ़ किराए बढ़ने की वजह से आमदनी बढ़ी है, यह सही नहीं है। एक अंदाजा है कि पहले 50 लाख लाग बगैर टिकट सफर करते थे, चैन पुलिस और इंडिमिप्लिन से वासी नुकसान होता था। लेकिन आज हम पटर के साथ कह सकते हैं कि भारत की रेलवे दुनिया की सबसे एंजीनियरिंग रेलवे मानी जाती है क्योंकि टिकटलैस ट्रेवल कम हो चुका है, गाड़िया बरतन पर चलनी हैं, आती हैं, हालांकि कोशिश की गई कि गाड़ियों का बरतन पर न चलने दिया जाय। मुझे यकीन है कि नये रेल मंत्री जी लेबर के हक में काफी बात करते हैं इसलिए वह इस बात का ध्यान रखेंगे कि हमारे रेलवे सिस्टम में अनुशासन कायम रहे। और जहां तक डिमिप्लिन का ताल्लुक है वह ऊपर से नहीं थोपा जा सकता है, देश में रेलवे सिस्टम सभी सर्विलर या आर्डर से नहीं चल सकता है, यह तभी चल सकता है कि जब 17 लाख आदमी मिलजुल कर काम कर, रेलवे बोर्ड से लेकर मजदूर तक।

स्पीकर साहब मैं यह भी अजें करना चाहता हू कि एक ग्राम ख्याल यह पाया जाता है कि हड़ताल के दिनों में हमारे बरतन में मजदूरों के साथ ज्यादाती हुई। लेकिन यह हकीकत है कि हड़ताल के बाद जब हमने चाहा कि एक नया माहौल पैदा हो तो कुछ बन्द लोगों का छोड़ कर जो 200 400 500 होंगे जिनके खिलाफ फौजदारी के मुकदमे हैं, बाकी सब मुलाजिमों को वापस लिया गया। मुझे तो खुशी है, अगर रेल मंत्री ममझने हैं कि तमाम लोगो को वापस लेना चाहिये। लेकिन मैं यह जरूर कह सकता हू कि ऐसा अभी नहीं हो सकता, उसे भी लोहा है जिन्होंने रेलवे के डिमिप्लिन को तबा, और बर्बाद

करने की कोशिश की है। इसे रेल मंत्री जानें कि हमने वे बरा कुछ करना चाहते हैं।

मैं एक बात और जरूर याद दिलाना चाहूंगा। जिस समय रेलवे कमचारियों ने अपने मुनालखे हमारे सामने पेश किये, तो 500 करोड़ रुपये का अनुमूल वेज बिल था। यह पेन्-मीशन के बाद 110 करोड़ रुपये हो गया। हूकूमत ने इसको तमलीम किया। जो घटे पेन्-मीशन के नये मिफारिशान थे, उनको तसलीम किया गया। भवर्स आफ वर्क जो पहले 19 घंटे थे, उसने वारे में मांग हुई कि उनको कम किया जाय। हमारी सरकार का मिया भाई अवाइड था जिसमें 14 घंटे का अवाइड था, उसने मुताबिक वर्किंग भवर्स कम किये गए। 3 लाख के करोड़ खर्च होने हैं जा कि अभी तक परमानेंट नहीं हुई है, लेकिन डी-नैचुरलाइजेशन की स्क्रीम हमारे बरतन में चली और उस पर 16 करोड़ रुपये हूकूमत ने खर्च किये। इसी तरह से कुछ वर्कशाप्स में और सोवोर्जेंड्स बगैरह में जो इम्प्रूवमेंट्स किये गये उनमें 5 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किया गया। जाइ-इवैल्युएशन पर 15 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किया गया, काडर रिट्यू पर साढ़े 12 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किये गए। इस तरह से टोटल 190 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किया है।

जहां तक नये रेल मंत्री का ताल्लुक है, ये लेबर के हक में बहुत बातें करते रहे हैं और मुझे यकीन है कि मंत्री बनने के बाद भी वे अपनी बड़ी जवान इस्तेमाल करेंगे जो कि आज से 2 साल पहले करते थे। उन्हीं की जवान में मैं कहता हू कि तमाम रेलवे मुलाजिमों को एन्डमिप्लिन वर्कर तसलीम करना चाहिए। इसके बारे में मैं माफ़ जवाब रेलवे मंत्री से यहा चाहूंगा, क्योंकि आज देश के हजारों, करोड़ों मजदूर उनकी तरफ देख रहे हैं। मैं यहा पांच बातें कहना चाहता हू जिनका कि ऐलान इरी हाउस में मंत्री महोदय का करता होगा। एक तो यह कि काम करने के जो घंटे हैं, वह 10 घंटे

से घटा कर 8 घंटे कर दिया जायेगा। ह्व
वजानि यह बिल्कुल सही माम है, इसको
तसलीम करना चाहिये।

जाव इवैल्युएशन करना चाहिये और
उसमे नीड-वेस्ट मिनिमने बेंज हो।

This is George Fernandes, Minister
for Communications. He is my friend
and I respect him. These are his
demands, I am reminding him

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond
Harbour) On a point of order I
should like to know whether he is
making use of his former position
because this gentleman had been in
the Railway Ministry (Interrup
tions)

MR SPEAKER There is no point
of order

SHRI S KUNDU On a point of
order

MR SPEAKER Point of disorder,
you can say

SHRI S KUNDU In this House we
should stop shedding crocodile tears.

MR SPEAKER Is that a point of
order?

SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI
Until job evaluation is done as an
interim measure there should be parity
in wages for workers in central under-
takings like HMT, HAL etc, there
should also be dearness allowance
revision for every rise of four points
in six months, bonus for the year
1971-72 1972-73 and further years,
decasualisation of the entire casual
labour I have heard very forceful
demands when those gentlemen were
sitting in the opposition that we must
provide subsidised foodgrain shops for
railway workers. This is a demand
to which they are committed So they
should provide subsidised foodgrains
shops at every zonal divisional and
other headquarters (Interruptions)

ये बाने में ने मिनिस्टर साहब की याददास्त
ताजा करने के लिए बड़ी हैं।

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM
(Tiruchirappalli) Mr Speaker Sir,
I have a point of order We are not
able to listen to the translation of the
speech being made by the hon Member
because the sound is so feeble
Secondly, when the discussion is
going on in Hindi we from the South
are not able to follow the translation
because by the time we are able to
hear the sentence translated into
English, we miss the context of the
previous sentence Mr Qureshi knows
English and I do not know why he
does not speak in English so that we,
from the South, could follow him

MR SPEAKER I will ask the
Secretariat to look into this matter.

(Interruptions)

श्री लखन लाल कपूर (पूणिया)।
अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय सदस्य के हिन्दी
भाषण का अंग्रेजी में ट्रांसलेशन हो रहा है।
आवाज को क्लीयर किया जाय, लेकिन
माननीय सदस्य को हिन्दी में ही बोलना
चाहिए।

श्री मूहम्मद शफी कुरेशी आमदनी
को तो बढ़ावा देना ही चाहिये, लेकिन मिनि-
स्टर साहब को कोशिश करनी चाहिये कि
वर्च भी लिमिट में रहे और उस में इजाफा
न हो।

चित्तरजन, डी० एल० डबल्यू० और
आई० सी० एफ० बंगरह हमारे प्राइवशन
यूनिट्स में 1973, 1974 और 1975 में
हड़ताल और घेराव बंगरह के कारण
प्राइवशन मिर्फ 50 परसेण्ट के करीब थी।
लेकिन आज उन यूनिट्स में प्राइवशन 100
परसेण्ट तक पहुंच गई है। मुझे यकीन है कि
रेलवे मंत्री इस को बरकरार रखें।

ایک وقت تھا جب اتنے بڑے
سسٹم کے بارے میں جس پر عربوں
روپیہ لٹا ہوا ہے یہ نعرہ لگایا جا رہا
تھا - دہریل کا پھیلنا خام کرہنگے -
کام نہیں آرام کرہنگے ۱۱ لیکن ہم
چاہتے تھے کہ ملک کے ہت میں
اور چلتا کے وقت میں یہ سلسلہ
خاری رہنا چاہئے - جو کچھ بھی
ہوا اور جو کچھ بھی کوشش کی
گئی رہی وہ سسٹم کو ہٹانے کی اور
اس کوشش کو ناکام کرنے کی رہی
کرمپٹاریوں نے جو کوشش کی اور جو
سہولت دیا اس کے لئے میں ان کا
مشکور ہوں -

نئے ریل ملٹری نے اپنے ہمت
میں تذکرہ کیا ہے کہ سٹاف کے ساتھ
ہمارا نال میل بہتر رہنا - اور
اس کی شروعات کی گئی ہے - مجھے
اس بات کی خوشی ہے کہ انہوں نے
اس بات کو سوچنا کیا ہے کہ سچی
بات ماننے سے کوئی انکار نہیں کر
سکتا - لیکن مجھے تعجب اس بات
کا ہے کہ کلدو صاحب نے یہ کہہ دیا
کہ چٹلی بھی کھینچاں بدلی گئی
ہیں - ان سب کو ایک دم سے ہٹا
دیا جائیگا - میں چاہتا تھا کہ اگر
وہ خود اپنے ملٹری کی تقریر پڑھتے
حس میں منہ ۱۱ پر کہا ہے کہ :

having large public dealings. As an
experimental measure, station com-
mittees have been set up in Bom-
bay, Madras and Delhi in which re-
presentatives of organised labour
are associated with the objective of
providing better service to custo-
mers."

مجھے یقین ہے کہ کلدو صاحب یہ
ایسا نہیں کہہ سکتے - کیونکہ یہ مقصد تھا
کہ چلتا کو سفر کی سہولت دی جائے -

مجھے اسسوس ہے کہ شوی سواسی
نے مہرے خلاف کچھ چارجز لگائے -
میں چارجز لگانے کا عادی نہیں ہوں -
ذات پر حملہ نہیں کرتا - کاش وہ
ہندوستان میں ہوتے اور دیکھتے کہ
ریلوے نے کیسے کام کیا ہے - میں
پریسڈنٹ الیکشن نہیں لگاتا -
لیکن جو بات انہوں نے کہی ہے یہاں
نئے ریل ملٹری جی موجود ہیں -
اگر وہ ایک کیس بھی ثابت کر
دیں جہاں پر کسی قسم کی فز ہر
ہو - تو میں استیفا دے دوں گا -
اور اگر ثابت نہیں ہو سکتے تو بھی
ان پر اخلاقی بات ہو جاتی ہے کہ
وہ اس سدن کو چھوڑ دیں - کیونکہ
اس سدن کی کچھ مریدانہ ہیں -
اس کو نہ بتا رہیں - ہم آپ کے لبول
پر نہیں آنا چاہتے ہیں - بلکہ
ایک اونچا لبول رکھنا چاہتے ہوں -
ابھی آپ کی سرکار آئی ہے - چلتا
نے آپ کو موقع دیا ہے - اس لئے
چلتا کے ساتھ وہاں کھاتے نہ کھاتے -
جس طرح سے آپ باتیں کرتے ہیں
یہ آپ کو شہرہ نہیں دیتا ہے -

"Apart from the shop councils
formed in the production units of
management and labour representa-
tives, the scheme of workers' parti-
cipation has been extended to com-
mercial and service organisations

[شری محمد شافع قریشی]

رہلوے کے متعلق ابھی - واسی جی

نے ایک کتاب پڑھی - لیکن ان کو یہ معذوم ہونا چاہئے کہ ہمارے

پہلی حکومت کے زمانے میں ۲۱۲

ملین ٹن کروڑ اکر کھڑی کیا گیا تو

آج ۲۰۶ یا ۲۰۷ کروڑ ہیں - ارد

آپ نہ عجب کر رہے ہوں کہ اس

میں پیسہ بڑھ گیا - اس کا لہذا

بڑھ گیا - لاش تھوڑا سا بڑھ لیتے جس

کے کہ وہ قابل ہیں - لیکن شاید

رہلوے کے متعلق کی ان کو کم جان

کاری ہے - پہلے ۱۰۰ ملین تھا

آج ۲۰۰ ملین جاتا ہے - اس سال

کی لہذا بڑھ گئی ہے - کارخانے بڑھ

گئے ہیں - خانوں دور دور تک

کھلی ہوئی ہیں تو لہذا بڑھنے

کی وجہ سے بھی آمدنی بڑھی ہے -

یہ سب صحیح بات ہے - کہ پہلے

گورنر ٹریلنگ سے زیادہ آمدنی ہوتی تھی

لیکن یہ کہنا کہ صوف کرائے بڑھنے

کی وجہ سے آمدنی بڑھی ہے یہ

صحیح نہیں ہے - ایک ادارہ ہے

کہ پہلے ۵۵ لاکھ لوگ بغیر ٹکٹ

سفر کرتے تھے - چھن پلنگ اور

اندھیاں سے لاکھ نقصان ہوتا تھا -

لیکن آج ہم فخر کے ساتھ

کہہ سکتے ہیں کہ بھارت کی

رہلوے دنیا کی سب سے زیادہ ایفیلٹ

مائی گئی ہے - کیونکہ ٹکٹائیس

ٹریولر بلڈ ہو چکا ہے گاڑیاں

وقت پر چلتی ہیں - آتی ہیں

خاتونہ کوشش کی گئی کہ

گزاروں کو وقت پر نہ چلا دیا

جائے - مجھے یقین ہے کہ نئے

ریل ملے جی جو لہذا کے حق میں

کئی باتیں کرتے ہیں - اس لئے وہ

اس بات کا دعویٰ کرتے ہیں کہ ہمارے

رہلوے سسٹم میں انوشاشن قائم رہے -

اور جہاں تک ٹسپلن کا تعلق ہے وہ

ازب سے نہیں تھوپا جا سکتا ہے -

دیہ میں رہلوے سسٹم کہیں آرڈر

سے نہیں چل سکتا ہے یہ تبھی چل

سکتا ہے کہ جب ۱۷ لاکھ آدمی

مل جل کے کام کریں - رہلوے ہورے لہذا

مورور ٹک پروفیکشن لہذا ۱۰۰ پرسیلٹ

ٹک پہنچ گئی ہے مجھے یقین ہے کہ

رہلوے ملے اس کو بہتر کر دیا

گئے -

رہلوے ملے نے ابھی ہمیں

کہا کہ آیتا ملے رہلوے چلائی

جانگی - میں عرض کرنا چاہتا ہوں

کہ وہ سارے دیہ کے رہلوے ملے

ہیں - وہ مہاراشٹر کے رہلوے ملے

نہیں ہیں - شمال میں ہندوستان

کے سر پر تاج ہے - جس کو جسوں

کشمیر کہتے ہیں - ملے سہوے کو

اس کی طرف دھیان دینا چاہئے -

جسوں کشمیر کھلا کھادی گڑی چلائی

گئی تھی شری کچھوانی نے اس پر

اعتراض کیا تھا - میں نے کہا تھا

کہ پارٹی اور شو کا میل ہو رہا ہے -

اس پر اعتراض نہیں کرنا چاہئے -

۳۵ برس میں گاری جموں تک پہنچتی ہے - اگر سرکار چاہتی ہے کہ اس سٹیٹ کا باقی ملک کے ساتھ انٹیگریشن دیا جائے تو جموں سے اوردم پور تک ریلوے لائن کو پورا کیا جائے - جس کا سروے ہو چکا ہے - اس کے علاوہ قاضی کالج سے بارہ مولہ تک ریلوے لائن کا سروے ہو چکا ہے - اس کو بھی پورا کرنا چاہئے - تاکہ جموں کشمیر کے لوگوں کو یہ احساس ہو کہ وہ عظیم بھارت کا حصہ [میں]۔

प्रो० शिवन लाल सक्सेना: (महाराज-गज) अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझ से सन् 1955 में स्वर्गीय लाला पद्मपत सिंहानिया ने यह कहा था कि रेलवे में 1 हजार करोड़ से ऊपर इन्वेस्टमेंट है, अगर यह चीज प्राइवेट सेक्टर में होती तो हम 25 प्रतिशत मुनाफा इस में देते और सारी पैसेंजर एंजिनीयरी भी मुँडिया करते, लेकिन रेलवे बोर्ड ने यह व्हाइट एंटी-फैट बाध रखा है जिसकी वजह से इन्फिनिटिन भी है और सरकार को कोई विशेष मुनाफा भी नहीं मिलता। मैं भी सरकार से यह कहूँगा कि इतना लम्बा इन्वेस्टमेंट होने पर भी हमारी रेलवेज का फायदा इतना कम हो यह ठीक नहीं है। मैं चाहूँगा कि हमारे नये मंत्री महोदय इस चीज को देखें कि इतने इन्वेस्टमेंट पर जितना मुनाफा होता चाहिये वह मिल और जनता को ज्यादा सुविधाएँ भी मिलें। रेलवे में जहाँ एकोनोमी की जरूरत है वहाँ एकोनोमी की जाय। मंत्री महोदय इस चीज को भी देखें जहाँ अफसर ज्यादा हो वहाँ उन को घटा दें। जो भी ब्रेस्ट है उस को खत्म कर दें और एक आस्ट्रेटो रैम्येन चलाए जिससे रेलवे के एस्टेब्लिशमेंट में सुधार हो और काम ठीक तरह से चले। इतने साल हो गये लेकिन अभी भी ऐसा नहीं हुआ कि

रेलवे से उतना मुनाफा ही हुआ जितना कि होना चाहिये ?

दूसरी बात मैं गोरखपुर की कहना चाहता हूँ। उन्होंने कहा है कि बँकबर्ड एरिया में नई रेलवे लाइनें बनाएँ। गोरखपुर का एरिया नेपाल के बोर्डर पर है और सब से बँकबर्ड है। मैं कई सालों से कह रहा हूँ कि एक रेलवे लाइन गोरखपुर से खुट्टा महाराज-गज निचलील होते हुए ठूठीवारी तक बनायी जाय जिस से यह एरिया डेवलप हो सके। यह 1200 स्वामय माइल का एरिया ऐसा है जिस में कोई रेलवे लाइन नहीं है और दूसरे मिस्रिटी के स्ट्रेटि क प्वाइंट आफ व्यू से भी इस की बहुत जरूरत है। आज चीन की रेलवे लाइन सब हिमालयन पासंज तक घा गई है और काठमंडू तक उनकी सड़क बन गई है। कभी भी उन की फौज हमारे कटो पर सीधे आ सकती है। और हमारी फोर्स अगर गोरखपुर में रहती भी है तो भी उन के लिये पासिबिल नहीं है कि वे वह बोर्डर तक पहुँच सकें। इसलिये इस रेलवे लाइन को खास तौर से लिया जाय और इसे बनाया जाय यह बँकबर्ड एरिया भी है और स्ट्रेटेजिक प्वाइंट आफ व्यू से भी इस की जरूरत है। मैं चाहूँगा कि मंत्री महोदय इस के ऊपर ध्यान दें और इस रेलवे लाइन को बनाने की व्यवस्था करें।

अभी करप्शन के बारे में कहा गया और श्री स्वामी ने एक पत्र भी इस के बारे में पढ़ा। मुझ को भी बहुत शिकायत इस बारे में है। मैं यह नहीं जानता कि कुरासी साहब ने ऐसा कुछ किया है या नहीं लेकिन एक बात मैं ध्यान में लाना चाहता हूँ। गांधीबाद जनपद का एक क्वार्टर है जिस को तीन चौथाई रेलवे स्टेशन की कंटेनिंग का ठेका दे रखा है। बीस साल से यह ठेका उस के पास चला आ रहा है। शहाबुद्दीन उस का नाम है। वह अफसरों को रफ़ा दे कर मिलाये रहता है। पुराने रेल मंत्री स्वर्गीय सलित नारायण

(प्र० शिवन लाल खन्नेना)

मिश्र उसको खत्म करना चाहते थे । लेकिन वह मर गये और उनके मरने के बाद अफसरों से मिल कर फिर वह सारा ठेका उस ने अपने नाम जारी रखा । मैं चाहूंगा कि इस कट्रेक्टर की जाच की जाय और अगर वह रेलवे के अफसरों को मिलाए हुए है तो इस बात की भी जाच की जाय और इस के ऊपर सख्त कार्रवाई की जाय । इस कट्रेक्टर को खत्म किया जाय ।

इन्ही शब्दों के साथ मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूँ । मेरा ध्यान चाहिए उस रेलवे लाइन का था जिस का मैं न दिक्र किया । बाकी मेरे बट मोसस स्पष्ट हैं । उन्हें दुहराकर मैं सदन का समय नहीं लेना चाहता ।

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM (Chengalpattu) Mr Speaker Sir, first of all, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to express some of my feelings on the railway budget for 1977-78. Even though I am in a position to express my ideas in Tamil or in Telugu I am speaking in English for the simple reason that what I say must be understood by other hon. members here. Before dealing with the various merits and demerits of the budget I would like to congratulate the hon. Railway Minister on behalf of the All India ADMK and on behalf of our great leader and uncrowned political king of Tamil Nadu Mr M.G.R., for the bold step he has taken to reinstate all the railway employees who were either suspended or dismissed during the 1974 general strike. I also thank our minister on behalf of our party on having taken a very bold step by not increasing the freight rates and passenger fares.

After having gone through the railway budget Sir in certain places still I stand unconvinced.

The hon. Railway Minister has said that unauthorised travel agents and

anti-social elements indulging in malpractices in seat reservations have been largely eliminated. But if you allow me Mr Speaker, to take the Minister to Madras I can show him the unauthorised ticket agents standing in the queue for purchase of tickets and then giving it to the actual passengers on some premium. He has also said that long queues have been considerably reduced. But if you come to Madras Egmore station, which is the heart of the Madras city, you can find the passengers after getting down from the train it will take at least half an hour for them to come out of the station. The Egmore station was constructed some 35 years back but there is no proper overbridge for the passengers to come out of the station. An overbridge should be constructed.

The Railway employees still continue to be the lowest paid employees as compared to the other public sector employees. The demand of the employees that their wages should be at par with the other public sector undertakings should be considered sympathetically. So many representations have been made in this regard but no steps have been taken until now.

I would like to draw the attention of the Railway Minister to a memorandum given by the people of Chengalpattu requesting the Minister to construct an overbridge at Chingleput railway crossline but no steps were taken to construct that overbridge. That particular area is very near to National Highways. There is an important road—GST road—which leads to the entire important towns of Tamil Nadu and Kerala States.

In advanced countries the Railways are treated as public utility service and not as a source of profit. But here the Railways are treated as a source of tax revenue. The railway work is done only in urban areas and not in rural areas. This leads to shifting of population from rural areas to urban areas.

Under the 20-Point Programme it was said that bonded labour had been completely eliminated. But if you see the Railways you will find that bonded labour is still existing there. I can quote certain instances. The Railway officers employ certain railway employees as cooks and butlers for themselves who work as bonded labour.

Coming to uniforms once I asked a Ticket Inspector as to why he is not wearing the uniform. He told me that the uniform supplied to him is of "32" whereas his chest is 42 and that is the reason why he is not wearing it. A uniform meant for our Railway Minister will not suit our friend Shri Piloo Mody.

Every Year we purchase stores to the tune of Rs 500 crores. Some are big items and some are small items and some are imported. They purchase stores more than the actual requirement. It is my humble request to the Railway Minister to reduce this amount from Rs 500 crores to 100 or 200 crores.

Now about the loading of wagons. The merchants have an understanding with the railway officials and they load the wagons beyond their capacities. In addition to our not getting additional income we also see that the unscrupulous officers and merchants join together and deprive funds due to the Railways.

Finally I would request the hon. Railway Minister through the Speaker to take necessary steps to ensuring proper administration in the Railways. Then only can we have good relations between the railways and its employees.

12.35 hrs.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

MR. SPEAKER I have to inform the House that under Rule 9 of the

Rules of Procedure I have nominated the following Members as Members of the Panel of Chairmen

- (1) Shri Dharendra Nath Basu
- (2) Shri Tridib Chaudhuri
- (3) Miss Abha Maiti
- (4) Shri S. D. Patil
- (5) Shri M. Satyanarayan Rao
- (6) Shri Dwarika Nath Tiwari

12.36 hrs.

RAILWAY BUDGET, 1977-78 AND DEMANDS FOR GRANTS ON AC- COUNT (RAILWAYS) 1977-78— Contd

MR. SPEAKER It is now 12.30 p.m. Only 25 minutes are left for lunch. Mr. D. N. Tiwari and Mr. Kalyana Sundaram may now speak. I would then call the Minister to reply. I know I have a large bundle of names. I would request the hon. Members to take their chance on some other occasion like the debate on the President's Address. (Interruptions) I have to face over 300 Members. It will be very difficult for me. I will be very happy to call you all if there is time. (Interruptions) I know that if the hon. Members want we can speak today and tomorrow also. I thought 2 hours would be enough. I have no objection. What does it matter to the Speaker? I have called Mr. Tiwari now.

श्री द्वारिकानाथ तिवारी (गोपालगंज)
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं सब से पहले देवसे मंत्री का स्वागत करता हूँ—इनने दिनों की बीरान बिदगी के बाद उन्हें मौका मिला है कि सरकारी बंध पर बैठ कर देश के लिये कुछ कर सकें। मे स्वयं सोमनिष्ठ है और मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि अपने देवसे प्रशासन के कामों में भी वे अपने नियमों और अपने आदेशों का पालन करेंगे। मैं इस बात को जानता हूँ और अनुभव भी

[बी द्वारिबानाय तिवारी]

करता हू कि अभी उन का दो-तीन दिन ही इस गद्दी पर बैठे हुए हैं, रेलवे की जो गुप्तिया हैं उनके वे अभी समझ नहीं सके हैं। वल उन्होंने जो रेलवे बजट प्रस्तुत किया है, वह एक तरह से भारीगियल बजट है या पहले जो सरकार थी, उस का बनाया हुआ है, इन की छाप अभी उस पर नहीं पड़ी है। चूंकि यह बोट भ्रान-एकाउन्ट है, इसलिये वे अपनी बातों को इस में ठीक से नहीं रख सके हैं, इसलिये उस मोर्चे पर मैं अपनी कोई डिमाण्ड पेश नहीं करूंगा जब रेलवे बजट पर भविष्य में जनरल डिस्कशन होगा, तब मैं अपनी बातें उन के सामने रखूंगा, लेकिन कुछ छोटी-छोटी बातें हैं, जिन की तरफ मैं इस समय उन का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हू। विशेषकर पैसेन्जरों की सुविधाओं के बारे में कुछ कहना चाहता हू।

मुझे बड़े खेद के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि जब भी इस हाउस में रेलवे पर बहस होती है, तब बैबल दो ही चीजें सामने आती हैं—एम्पलायर और एम्पलाइड रिलेशन, सेबर रिलेशन, लेकिन पैसेन्जर-एग्जेनिटीज का मामला पीछे चला जाता है, उस पर ध्यान कम जाता है। दरअसल रेलवेज का मामला बैबल एम्पलायर और एम्पलाइड से ही सम्बन्ध नहीं रखता है—बल्कि इस का पैसेन्जरों से ज्यादा सम्बन्ध है—पैसेन्जरों को हम क्या सुविधाएं दे सकते हैं, वैसे ठीक समय पर उन को उनके गन्तव्य स्थान पर पहुंचा सकते हैं, कैसे उन का मान ठीक समय पर पहुंच सकता है—यह बात मुख्य होती चाहिये। लेकिन मुख्य बात गौण हो जाती है और गौण बात मुख्य बन कर ऊपर आ जाती है। आप छोटी छोटी बातों को देखिये जिसे मैं आप का खर्च नहीं बड़ेगा और बजट में कोई बड़ोचरी नहीं होगी लेकिन उन बातों को करने से मुलाहिरी को बहुत फायदा होगा।

एग्जेन्ट रोड्स को ही आप से सीजिए। वे बहुत निगलेंकटेड हैं और उन की कमी मरम्मत नहीं होती है। थोड़ी सी टिकरिंग कर दी जाती है। नतीजा यह होता है कि अगर कोई गर्भवती स्त्री टागे पर या टर्मटम पर जाती है तो खराब सड़क होने से उस का गर्भ गिर जाता है। जो पैसेन्जरों रेलवे को ज्यादा पैसा देने हैं उन्हीं को ज्यादा तकलीफ होती है। उन को आने जाने की सुविधा नहीं है। मैं यह नहीं कहता कि आप डिस्ट्रिक्ट बोर्ड या पी० डब्ल्यू० डी० की मददों को ठीक करवा दें लेकिन जो आप की अपनी सड़कें हैं उन का प्रबन्ध तो ठीक हो और वे ठीक करवाई जाए।

दूसरी बात यह है कि बहुत स्टेशनों पर जो प्लेटफार्म बने हुए हैं, वे कहीं कहीं बहुत नीचे हैं और कहीं कहीं पर तो प्लेटफार्म हैं हां नहीं। लाइन के बाराबर प्लेटफार्म हैं और मुलाहिरी को गाड़ी पर चढ़ने में बड़ी दिक्कत होती है। इसलिए इन प्लेटफार्मों को भी ठीक करवाना चाहिए जिससे उन को बिना खनरे के इस्तेमाल में लाया जा सके।

तीसरी बात जो मैं आप से कहना चाहता हू वह रेलवे इम्पलाईज के व्यवहार के बारे में है। जनता के आश्चर्यों के साथ जिस तरह से उन का ठीक व्यवहार हो, यह भी देखने की बात है। एक अफसर की तरह से जनता के साथ उन का व्यवहार नहीं होना चाहिए बल्कि भाई-चारे का व्यवहार होना चाहिए जिस से उन के मन में यह विश्वास पैदा हो कि यह जो अन्तिकारी सरकार आई है वह सही है और उस के सत्ता में आने से रेलवे कर्मचारियों के व्यवहार में पहले से फर्क पड़ा है। यदि ऐसा आप न कर सके तो लोगों के मन में यही बात आएगी कि जैसे सरकारें में पहले लोग थे, वैसे ही ये भी हैं। इन रेलवे इम्पलाईज के व्यवहार में अगर आप कुछ

परिवर्तन ला सके, तो इस से आप की प्रतिष्ठा बहुत बढ़ेगी, आप का एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन सुदृढ़ होगा और लोगों का सहयोग आप को मिलेगा।

चौथी बात मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि रेलवे में पितृप्रेम बहुत होना है, चोरी बहुत होती है और घास कर कोयले और रेलों के सामान की चोरी बहुत होती है। ट्रेन में से लोग वस्त्र निराल ले जाते हैं और मैकेनिकल और फास्ट क्लास के डिब्बों से गद्दे उठा कर ले जाते हैं ऐसा क्यों होता है? आप ऐसा न समझ लीजिए कि पब्लिक के लोग चोरी कर के ये सब ले जाते हैं। इन चोरियाँ भी रेलवे इम्प्लायर्स का हाथ होता है। यह हो सकता है कि सब जगह छुलेआम यह चीज न हो लेकिन उन की कनाइबेंस से यह जरूर होता है। जब कोयले की चोरी होती है तो उस का खर्च बहुत बढ़ जाता है। आप यह देखिये कि स्टेशनों के पास जो भट्टे होते हैं वहाँ पर बितनी लाख ईंटें आप कोयले से पकाई जाती हैं। इसी तरह से जलावन के लिए कोयला घरों में चला जाता है। अगर इस चीज को आप ठीक से देखें तो कोयले की काफी बचत होगी और लोगों की जो चोरी करने की आदत पड़ गई है, वह नहीं पड़ेगी और उन की आदत नहीं बिगड़ेगी।

टिकटलैस ट्रेवल की बात बहुत कही जाती है। इस सम्बन्ध में मैं यह कहना कि जो हैवीचुमल आफेंडर्स हैं वे तो पकड़े नहीं जाते हैं बल्कि जो बेचारे गांव के गरीब लोग हैं जोकि किसी कारण से टिकट नहीं ले पाते हैं, वे पकड़े जाते हैं। हैवीचुमल आफेंडर्स इसलिए नहीं पकड़े जाते हैं क्योंकि रेलवे इम्प्लायर्स में उन की साठ-गाठ होती है और उन को पहचान से ही मालूम हो जाता है कि कब मैजिस्ट्रियल चैकिंग होगी और वे स्पेशल चैकिंग होगी। आप का एक कानून बना हुआ है कि अगर किसी पैसेन्जर के पास टिकट नहीं है और वह टिकट धनवाना चाहे, तो उस को 10 रुपये पेनेल्टी के देने होंगे।

इसलिए वह सोचना है कि टिकट न बटवाए क्योंकि उस में उस को पेनेल्टी का पैसा भी देना होता है जो कि बहुत ज्यादा है। आप हिसाब लगवा कर देखिये कि बितने लोगों ने टिकट बटवाए और बितना पैसा इस तरह से पेनेल्टी के रूप में आपका। अगर इन पीगर्स को आप देखें तो आप को बहुत निराशा होगी। उसे यह पेनेल्टी देनी होगी। आप यह कानून हटाइये। अगर यह कानून आप नहीं हटाते हैं तो आपको बहुत पाटा होना रहेगा।

चौथी बात हमारे एरिये का है। हमारे एरिये में सोनपुर एक रेलवे का जिला था। उस जिले में पहले डी० टी० एस० सिस्टम था। पता नहीं किन कारणों से उसकी भ्रष्टाचार बढ़ गई। जिन कारणों से भी उसे वहाँ से खत्म किया गया, उसमें मैं शक नहीं जाना चाहता। सोनपुर में बल्डों का सबसे बड़ा फेयर लगता है। कार्तिक पूर्णिमा के दिन लाखों लाख लोग इसमें आते हैं। वहाँ स्टाफ के क्वार्टर्स हैं, आफिसिंग खाली पड़े हैं। वहाँ जो डी० टी० एस० आफिस था उसको हटा कर आपने एक परिवहन मण्डल बनाया। परिवहन मण्डल डिप्टी डी० एस० के रैक का आफिस है। अगर आप वहाँ डी० एस० रैक का आफिस नहीं दे सकते हैं तो कम से कम डिप्टी डी० एस० का आफिस तो वहाँ कायम कीजिए ताकि वहाँ जो कठिनाइयाँ सामने आती हैं वे दूर हो सकें। यह सब कुछ होने से वहाँ बड़ी गड़बड़ाहट होती है। आप अभी नए आए हैं, शायद आप इन प्रानलम्स को नहीं जानते हैं। इसलिए मैं आपसे रिक्वेस्ट करूंगा कि आप इसकी स्टडी करें। आपसे पूर्व जो रेलवे मंत्री थे उनसे भी इस मामले पर विचार करने को कहा गया था और उन्होंने भी इसको माना था लेकिन किया कुछ नहीं। इसलिए मैं आपसे दरखास्त करूंगा कि आप उसी

[श्री शारदा नाथ तिवारी]

रिवोल्यूशन की तरह काम करें जो रिवोल्यूशन सभी हमारे देश में हुआ है। मैं इस चुनाव को चुनाव नहीं मानता हूँ। बल्कि एक रिवोल्यूशन मानता हूँ। अगर आप भी इसी तरह रिवोल्यूशन की स्प्रिट में काम करेंगे सभी आप देश की समस्याओं की सुलझा सकेंगे।

श्री मनोहर साहू (बानपुर) अध्यक्ष महोदय देव हिन में खोज हित में जो बातें हम कहनी हैं वे हमें भी कहने दें। व साग खुद ही कमर वार है खुद ही कातिल है खुद ही मुमकिन बने हुए हैं और खुद ही भरील करने वाले बन बैठ हैं। इसलिए हम भी बोलने का मौका दें।

MR SPEAKER May I suggest to the concerned Minister that next time he may give chance to the new Members' The Railway Budget is allotted only two hours. How many can speak within that time? If he extends it for the whole day I will give chance I have no objection. The President's Address will be discussed for full three days. Then 30 to 40 Members will be able to speak.

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) At the outset I wish to convey my heart felt thanks to the hon. Minister of Railways for having got Paragraph 22 included in the Budget Speech relating to the reinstatement of the workers victimised in connection with the 1974 strike. Particularly my party the All-India Trade Union Congress and the Indian Railway Workers Federation will be grateful to him because we have been agitating for the past three years sitting in the opposition, in vain. Even when a Minister like Shri L. N. Mishra made a sort of sympathetic assurance that assurance could not be got through by the Government.

Now he has succeeded and so I must congratulate him on that achievement. Neither compliments nor criticism will affect him because all those who were responsible are not there for accepting compliments or answering criticism. I shall reserve my compliments and the criticism for the subsequent period till they are fully reorganised. Until then my purpose is to make some useful suggestions.

Regarding reinstatement of those workers who were on strike I want the Minister to consider some more points. There were workers who were victimised, removed from service or dismissed and so on. There were workers in whose case suspension orders had been cancelled in many cases. There were workers who were involved in acts of alleged sabotage. Some of these have been convicted. All those cases must be withdrawn and the conviction must be set aside. It must be commuted and they must be restored upto the position which existed before 3rd May 1974. That is my humble submission.

There is another category of victimisation as Mr Samar Mukherjee had mentioned about official transfers. Many workers had been demoted and their previous service was taken away. So their break in service must be condoned and demotion must be restored upto the position of the strike.

There was another category of loyal workers. They were given concessions because they showed loyalty to the Railways. Those casual labourers, those temporary workers were deprived of their posts because those posts were filled by the sons or the relatives of loyal workers. There was a lot of corruption in giving concessions to the loyal workers. This question has to be viewed and all those casual workers who were in service on 3rd May 1974 should be restored to the position which they occupied on the 3rd May 1974. Clear instructions should be given to the Railway Bhavan in this regard.

otherwise they will bring your assurance to disrepute. You can take it from me.

(Interruptions)

They have done it several times. They will bring in all sorts of objections.

(Interruptions)

This is a piece of friendly warning.

On the question of discipline the workers cannot live on sermons about discipline. It should be a conscientious discipline. Some confidence should be created in them that their interest would be looked after by the Government. Today the failure of the previous Ministry must be a warning to the present Ministry. Then the workers must realise that every single railway material and every inch of railway line are the property of the nation; it is not the property of the Railway Board and the Railway Minister. The Government must create confidence in them that their interest will be looked after. This is the lesson which the new Railway Minister must learn from the past experience.

About staff quarters there is a ban on the construction of new quarters. Kindly immediately remove this ban. The Railway Minister may have high hopes about it, the Railway Minister may have good intentions about it but the Ministry of Finance is there; they will come in your way. I am only appealing to him. I think my appeal will strengthen his hands inside the Cabinet for doing something for the amelioration of the conditions of workers.

I have gone through the Railway Budget Speech. I think the present Railway Minister has been in office for hardly three days and he would not have had time to go through every paragraph of the Railway Budget Speech. He would not have studied it. So I think he is not responsible for it. Going through the Railway Budget

Speech about achievements and other things I recall a note which was circulated by the Railway Board about three months ago in which the same achievements are contained. What is the title of that note? It is "Improvements in the Railways after the declaration of Emergency." So they have made the same points here. I leave it to you to judge.

About the maintenance of railway colonies the allotment of money for the maintenance of railway colonies is the first casualty in the name of economy. That should be restored.

There is another urgent matter which I want to bring to the notice of the Railway Minister and that is about the ban on promotions. In the case of Class IV and Class III all promotions have been banned. All the vacancies have not been filled in the name of economy. This matter should be reopened and all the vacancies should be filled. The sanctioned strength in all the loco sheds, workshops and depots should be restored. If you fail to do it the workers will not have any confidence in the Government.

Another suggestion that I would like to make is about the reorganisation of the Railway Board. I would request the hon. Minister to take it up seriously. The Railway Board has become very much inflated. Formerly there was one Chairman, one Financial Commissioner and three Members. We have now got 11 Additional Members permanent, Additional Members and temporary Additional Members. Formerly we had 32 Directors. Now we have about 90 Directors, permanent Directors and temporary Directors. There are Additional Directors, Joint Directors, Deputy Directors and temporary Additional Directors. The Pail Bhawan is bursting like anything.

What are their functions? Some hon. Members have suggested that powers must be delegated to the Zonal Managers. These questions have to be studied seriously. If necessary you

[Shri M Kalyanasundaram.]

better appoint a Committee to study the functioning and the size of the Railway Board. The reorganisation of the Railway Board will not brook any delay. The total expenditure on the Railway Board comes to about Rs 25 crores. That is not the point. But its size is increasing. That will demoralise the Zonal Railways. Therefore it is necessary to reorganise the Railway Board.

Not only the workers were victimised but some lines were closed and some trains were canceled. The lines which were closed must be re-opened and the trains which were unnecessarily cancelled must be restored in the interest of service. For instance, in the Southern Railway a length of 9 miles from Neendamangalam to Manargudi was unnecessarily closed. It is an essential service to the students attending the colleges there. Such small things can be restored without any additional financial commitment and the grievances of the local people there can be removed.

Coming to the allotment of funds for the new lines the allotment for the Tirunavelli Cape Comorin Trivandrum lines has been very much scaled down. There is a general complaint that the allotment for new constructions has been cut down. Similarly, for electrification of the line between Madras Central and Vijayawada the allotment has been cut down. Then the Madras Central-Arakonam line has also been kept pending because of want of funds.

13 00 hrs.

Another thing is the Metropolitan scheme. With regard to the Madras City all that was attempted was a study. That study is finished, but what about the scheme as such? Will it see the light of the day is the anxious question of the people of Madras. The suburban railway service in Madras is not adequate and the road trans-

port service is also not adequate because of the narrow streets.

*MR. SPEAKER Please conclude, this is only a vote on account.

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM
There is one more point with regard to the production units, which is a very important matter. The three production units are the pride of the nation and a complement to our economic policy of self-reliance, but they are working only to half their capacity. The Integral Coach Factory can produce 900 coaches a year, but it is now producing less than 500. Our workshops can construct wagons of our own.

MR. SPEAKER As I have said this is only a vote on account, please conclude.

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM
As he is going to prepare the Budget I thought I would give some suggestions.

MR. SPEAKER We now adjourn for Lunch and will meet again at 2.00 p.m.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Three Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURY in the Chair]

RAILWAY BUDGET, 1977-78

AND
DEMANDS FOR GRANTS ON ACCOUNT (RAILWAYS), 1977-78—Contd

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am thankful to the hon. Members on both sides of the House who have participated and made

some constructive suggestions regarding the functioning of the railways. At the very outset let me make it quite clear that there are certain limitations within which we are functioning at the time of presentation of this mini-budget. This is not a full fledged Railway Budget but is just a Vote on Account and because of the limitations placed on us it is not possible to deal with the problems elaborately in all their comprehensive character. Therefore within the framework of these limitations certain propositions have to be put forward. Some of the policy issues that have been raised cannot be adequately dealt with at this stage for the very simple reason that while we took over the administration we had to face the hang overs of the past and unless we are able to clear the stables it will not be possible for us to lay down certain firm policies to which we are irrevocably committed.

At the very outset I would like to spell out some of the policies which were indicated in my budget speech earlier. Both sides of the House have welcomed the categorical statement that all the railway employees who have been either suspended or dismissed as a sequel to their participation in the 1974 strike will be unconditionally reinstated. I would like to go a step further and say that it has been done not merely in response to the suggestions that have come on the floor of the House from Members like Shri Samar Mukherjee and others. I may take the House into confidence and tell the Members of this House that after the presentation of the budget proposals to this House I had immediately a meeting with the Chairman of the Railway Board and tried to spell out the various steps that are to be taken in pursuance of the policies that were enunciated here. I would like to spell out some of the details of the policy regarding reinstatement of the victimised workers. I would like to make it explicitly clear that the entire issue would not

be kept hanging. Unfortunately in the past whenever an assurance was given, there was a lacuna in implementation.

Therefore after discussing the matter with the Railway Board we have categorically instructed the authorities concerned that all the aspects of reinstatement are to be completed within a period of six weeks and after that I would not like to see a single victimised worker in the railways. This is a categorical assurance that I would like to give.

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola)
They must be reinstated with back wages.

PPOF MADHU DANDAVATE
After your having put them behind the bars and having victimised them we do not want crocodile tears from you.

SHRI K GOPAL (Karur) The hon. Minister must ensure that what he says will be implemented.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur) No action has been taken in the case of those railway employees who have won their cases in the court.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE I had asked for all the details and within twenty-four hours all these details have been collected and I would like to tell the House the break-up of the staff removed as a sequel to the May 1974 strike.

Permanent staff removed—16 893

The number of persons taken back as a sequel to the constant pressures from within the House and outside the House—16 271

The number yet to be put back—627

The number where employees have gone to the court—310

[Prof Madhu Dandavate]

After my assurance that all these workers will be reinstated I am sure that these workers and their representative organizations will withdraw the e cases, rather than relying on the courts let them rely on the strength of the working class and the assurance of the Railway Minister

The number of staff still under suspension is 53. The most important is the number of casual labourers discharged from service 24570. The number yet to be taken back is 5161. I assure you that not only the permanent staff members, not only the temporary staff members but also the casual staff members will be taken back. It is being further clarified that in the case of all the reinstated railway workers, the seniority will be retained and the entire break in service will be condoned. These are the categorical decisions that have been taken and will be implemented.

In the course of the discussion, a number of friends have made concrete and constructive suggestions. I would like to mention that problems like opening of new railway lines in the under developed areas have been actually engaging the attention of our Ministry right from the moment we have taken charge. I want to make it clear that we have said that we will function within the framework of Gandhiji's ideals and one of the basic concepts of Gandhiji's ideology is that there must not be imbalance between urban India and rural India. Therefore all the necessary infrastructure for the development of backward areas will have to be developed. This infrastructure is going to be provided by the railways. Therefore in all the backward areas where the construction of lines is pending we will expedite the matter.

If there are financial difficulties, we will discuss the matter with the authorities and the institutions concerned. I do not want to spell out

the problem. But we have already applied our mind on how to mop up the resources, if the resources are lacking.

I was very sorry to listen to the stray remark made by Shri Qureshi while participating in the debate on the Budget. He probably indirectly made a reference to the Konkan Railways and he threw a hint that the Railway Minister is not a Minister for Maharashtra, and therefore he must not take a parochial attitude but he must think in terms of the country as a whole. He must think of Jammu and Kashmir as much as he thinks in terms of Maharashtra.

Firstly I may make it very clear as far as the West Coast Konkan Railway is concerned it does not affect Maharashtra State from which I come. I am not over proud of being a Maharashtrian. I am also not ashamed of being a Maharashtra. Of course I am proud of being an Indian. Therefore there is no question of entering into a certain amount of parochialism.

I would like to explain to Shri Qureshi the geography of the country. If he is not prepared to understand or follow politics from me, at least he should understand geography. Geography indicates West Coast Konkan Railway may start from Maharashtra. It will touch Goa State. It will touch Mysore State. It will touch Kerala State. It will touch part of Tamil Nadu State and, therefore naturally integration can be brought about. The Konkan Railway is constructed. That is the aspect which has to be borne in mind.

Those who have applied their mind to the West Coast Railway from the point of view of national integration will appreciate that if we are able to integrate and inter-connect all these regions of Maharashtra, Tamil

Nadu Kerala Mysore that will probably be the living link of integration in this country and in the same spirit I can assure the former Minister for Railways that as far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned we consider that also as one of the backward regions of this country. We will therefore give our adequate attention to the development of these lines.

Yesterday I made a reference to parts of Madhya Pradesh parts of Orissa and North Eastern Frontier. If I had referred to them these were illustrative and not exhaustive. If you read the speech very correctly I said backward regions like these regions and therefore they will be attended to. When I talk in terms of backward areas of Maharashtra whether it is Konkan Marathwada or Vidharbha I need not spell it out. It is implied.

I wish to make it explicitly clear though I come from one particular State even if I do not become a Minister when I am elected to the Lok Sabha I will not become representative of my constituency only but I will represent the whole of the country. It is only in that spirit I will apply my mind to all the problems.

In some cases there is no question of allocating new resources. My friend Prof Swami had already indicated Chambur-Mankhurl line. That was on the anvil, but due to certain deficiency that was set aside. Such instances are there due to delay and inefficiency that had not been started. All the projects will be undertaken without delay. And where there are financial difficulties we will try to get over them.

SHRI VASANT SATHE I hope you do the same thing about Amravati.

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE When I am quoting certain things these are only illustrative.

SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU (Katwa) Metropolitan Transport Project Calcutta is a project for Rs 250 crores. Only a sum of Rs 10 crores has been provided for in the Budget. It will take 25 years in this way for it to be completed if the fund is provided at this rate. Calcutta has 8 million people and as such completion of this project requires priority. I would request the hon Minister to provide adequate amount—at least Rs 100 crores—for completion of the project.

MR CHAIRMAN He has taken note of your point.

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE I am not all disturbed by the intervention made by the hon Member because what the hon Member has said represents the pangs of his anger. That is born out by his legitimate complaint. I have made the position very clear. As an illustration I have referred to Jammu and Kashmir the case which was put forward by one of the hon. Members from the other side of the House. I can assure hon Members that as far as various projects are concerned whether they are sponsored by members on that side or on this side of the House these will be considered on merits and these will be judged on merits and suitable action will be taken.

Many things have been said about the Railway Board. I cannot forget what I myself said while I was sitting on that side of the House. I can assure hon Members that we will go into the full details about the functioning of the Railway Board. I have got here the Manual which tries to explain as to what exactly the position of the Railway Board is. The Railway Board was first constituted under the Indian Railway Act of 1905 for controlling the administration of Railways in India. It

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functions as the Ministry of the Government of India and exercises all the powers of the Central Government in respect of regulation, construction maintenance and operation of Railways. By virtue of the inclusion of the Financial Commissioner for Railways in its constitution, the Railway Board also exercises the full powers of the Government of India in regard to Railway expenditure. I wish to assure members on both sides of the House that considering the persistent complaints which have been voiced by members on both sides of the House about the functioning of the Railway Board, we will go into the functioning of the Railway Board in detail and if we find that some sort of restructuring of the Railway Board is necessary we shall certainly come forward with the necessary changes which may be required.

PROF P G MAVALANKAR (Gandhinagar) Will the hon. Minister give an assurance about changing the Railway Code also, which is out-of-date? This is a point which has been agitated by hon. Members earlier also. Will the hon. Minister kindly look into it?

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE Please allow me to complete what I wanted to say. I may tell you something about it. In his speech the former Railway Minister had put forward a distorted version of what had happened in the past. He said this regarding the demand that were put forward by the All India Railwaymen's Federation and NCCR. There were references to national wage, there were references to bonus to minimum wage and job evaluation. Having rejected all these demands the former Railway Minister says things in this manner. Let me put the facts correctly. I wish to put the record straight. Before the railway workers went on strike here are some of the important incidents that

took place. There was a six-point charter which was submitted to the former Railway Minister on 8-11-73. A postcard acknowledgment was given. There was no reply to the memorandum sent on behalf of the NCCR. It came into existence on 2nd March, 1974. On March 5, 1974, the NCCR submitted a detailed memorandum of demands which was in line with the demands made by the AIRF.

There was no reply to that. On 27th April, 1974—this is very important—when negotiations were started with the representatives of the Railwaymen, these negotiations were attended to by Shri S. A. Dange and Shrimati Parvati Krishnan, an honourable Member of this House.

Then the next meeting was fixed. I am deliberately indicating that so that all the Members of this House, specially, the new Members of the House would know the method of functioning of the Members who are now sitting in the opposite side. The next meeting was fixed on the 2nd May. The Minister told Shri George Fernandes that on 2nd May we would sit together when most of the issues would be thrashed out. It almost appeared that some sort of a *via media* was being found out. It was made very clear by the NCCR that they would put forward certain assurances. They also know the economic situation in the country and financial resources of this country. Therefore, even if hundred per cent conceding of this demand is not possible, let us sit round the table and let us suggest that what type of an interim relief could be given to the workers and then let us see about the long-term fulfilment of their demands. That was the assurance given. The late Shri L. N. Mishra was also in that particular mental attitude of sitting together so as to avert this strike. Let us consider as far as their immediate demands were concerned and then we will consider about what their long-term position will be. The former Ministry felt

that if the late Shri Mishra had come to a certain limited compromise with the railway employees in that case what would happen to their prestige I personally feel that almost efforts were made by Government to avert the strike by the railwaymen. That is indicated by the fact that the next meeting was fixed on 2nd May 1974 in consultation with the former Railway Minister Shri L. N. Mishra. On 1st May Shri George Fernandes was addressing a May Day public rally at Lucknow—this is a very interesting aspect—and Mr Mishra had told him that on the day when he would be addressing the rally at Lucknow he would send a special plane there to bring him at the negotiating table. No doubt he kept that part of his promise. He did send a special plane—not to bring Shri George Fernandes at the negotiating table but to take him to the Tihar Jail' (Interruptions). As a result of that I wish to make it clear here that the NCCR and the AIRF were formulating their demands which were negotiable but that an interim relief could be granted. In that case we could think about cent per cent implementation at a later stage. But in the Ministry some members felt that if these demands were even partially granted in that case probably the leadership of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation NCCR and other organisations which were participating in that meeting could go up their prestige could go up. On this more prestige they precipitated the matter and arrested Shri George Fernandes. After all they were willing to go on strike because of that right from the very next day but still some scope was left or till 8th of May when further settlement could be brought about. Doors were not closed until 8th of May 1974 when the railwaymen went on strike. This is the perspective that I want to give. The Railway Minister intervened in that debate and distorted the facts. Therefore to end those distortions I have to refer to all that.

Incidentally, Shri Qureshi said that they stood for discipline of workers whereas I say that they stood for the disruption of workers. Shri Samar Mukherjee has rightly pointed out that there could be two types of discipline—there could be two types of peace—peace of the satisfied men and the peace of the graveyard—both of them are not same. There is an element of difference between the two. Similarly I wish to tell you very clearly that these people had precipitated this matter and all sorts of allegations were made. Some allegations had also been repeated by the former Railway Minister on the floor of the House. He said that the economic situation in the country was bad and that some men were starving when actually the leadership of the railwaymen's struggle wanted to bring about a chaos by causing further starvation to the workers and peasants. On the contrary so many were thrown out. And that led to the railway strike in 1974. After that the very first election took place when Shri Fernandes had been returned to this House with a big majority of three lakh votes. This I would like the House to record.

And therefore people have not accepted the fact that those who were resorting to legitimate trade union action were trying to bring anarchy in the country or were trying to plunge the country into darkness. That was not the perspective of the people otherwise many hon. Members who led the railway strike would not have been here and as such I would like to clarify this issue which had been raised in the course of this debate.

Sir, we have been asked whether we will accept the demand of bonus or the demand for subsidised food system for the railway employees. I wish to make it clear that as far as bonus issue is concerned this issue has been complicated by the former Government. They have not stood by

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their policy. When many of us were behind the bars during the Emergency they changed the old policy and while they were changing the bonus policy they have changed the entire bonus policy. A new legislation has been brought and they want us to say here and now whether we will concede the demand for bonus for railway workers. We wish to make it quite clear that since they have evolved a national bonus policy for the country first we will have to bring legislation to reverse that. We will examine the entire issue in depth. We will also gauge the resources of the country. I wish also to remind the hon. Members on the other side of the House that when we had made a demand for bonus we had said that if you are not able to concede the demand, please accept it in principle and let us see how it will be implemented. On behalf of our Organisation and Janata Party it has been made clear by the Labour Minister for Janata Sarkar that we accept the bonus not as an ex gratia payment but as 'deferred wage'. That has already been announced.

SHRI VASANT SATHE In the light of what you are saying will you give some interim relief?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE Sir, what these people have not been able to do in the course of last 30 years they expect us to do in three years. Give us adequate time and then you will see. We will examine all the issues as far as bonus is concerned. We are committed to examine the entire question of bonus and reverse the earlier policy.

The hon. Member Shri. Patil has made a number of constructive suggestions. As far as the construction of new lines and as far as decentralisation of railway administration is concerned he has made a number of

constructive suggestions. The Railway Ministry will examine all those constructive suggestions in depth and try to implement them.

Shri. Mohanaragam has made a very significant and radical suggestion. He has pointed out that even in railways we have the existence of what we call bonded labour. He wants that the bonded labour should be liberated. We stand committed to the liberation of every form of bondage that exists in the field of industry and it will be our constant endeavour that bonded labour system is completely ended.

There is one more aspect to which I want to make a reference. In the course of the railway strike certain developments had taken place. We have already clarified as to what will happen as far as retrenched workers are concerned. There is another problem of what we generally call 'black legs' in the trade-union parlance and what they call as 'loyal workers'. They were given a number of advance increments. We do not want to take a revengeful attitude. Those who have got jobs we will not throw them out because they came in place of strikers.

We will see to it that those who have been removed on account of participation in the strike will be brought back. I checked the statistics with the Railway Board authorities and I found that without disturbing those who have been appointed in the railway industry without disturbing them and distressing them it will be possible for us to get the retrenched workers back to work but at the same time we would sound a warning to all the workers that they must stand solidly and unitedly with the working class in the country. We do not want to take a revengeful attitude. For instance as far as advance increments are concerned, five lakhs

of industrial workers from the railways have been given advance increments. We do not want to take a revengeful attitude and only because we have come into power we will try to smash all those things. We will only say that in the future we will not have the substitution of black legs in place of the strikers and we will not give increment to those who are the so-called loyal workers but who can be described as black legs and to them in the future also we will never be prepared to pay the wages of betrayal of the working class. That is the attitude that we have to take.

Sir there is only one more point and have done Sir it is a matter of common experience that as far as the railway industry is concerned there is a lot of corruption. Of course corruption is there in every sphere of human activity in India. But as far as the railways are concerned there is a lot of corruption. Sir probably you may recall that under the Chairmanship of Acharya Kriplani an Enquiry Committee to enquire into the corruption in railways had already been set up. That Enquiry Committee has brought out a number of findings. They were devastating findings and they tried to reveal the dimensions of corruption in the country. We will try our best to see that some of those important recommendations of Acharya Kriplani Committee which exposed the corruption from top to the bottom will be effectively implemented and we will tackle corruption in railway industry.

In conclusion I would like to point out to the Members of the Opposition that when I was speaking out here and when I tried to not forward the performance of the industry in the course of the year you were very much enthusiastic and some of my colleagues felt the embarrassment. But I wish to make it clear that this is not something new. I may recall the

letter that George Fernandes exchanged with L N Mishra from the jail in 1974. That was not the time of Emergency. It has nothing to do with the Emergency situation. It has nothing to do with Anusashan parve, a new phrase that has been coined by Shri Vinoba Bhave and has been sent to us through Shri Sathe. I am not referring to it. But I want to point out to you that in that letter sent by Shri George Fernandes to Shri L N Mishra, he has given all the details and giving the facts and figures Shri George Fernandes has tried to convince the Government how the railway workers have contributed in building up the resources for the country. They have built up not only the resources of the railways but they have also contributed to the general running of the railways in the country and to that extent they helped in stabilising the economy of the country. These are the facts and figures which were put forward before the Government by George Fernandes when he was in jail and he said that the credit of all these achievements goes not to the Railway Ministry but to the railway workers who poured their sweat and toil into the industry and were able to mop up the industry. It is only in that spirit Sir I have mentioned a number of things and in conclusion I may say that if some lacunae are left out and if there are certain disputes we will fully explore the assistance and the cooperation of the trade union machinery. We will not try to arrive at a settlement with the help of an iron rod but we will try to establish the settlement with the workers by willing cooperation of the trade unions in the country. That is the only way in which one who is committed to radical policies in the country will function in the House and in that manner the Railway Ministry will function.

SHRI T A PAI (Udipi) On behalf of my Party Sir I would like to assure the Railway Minister that we

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would not accuse him of any parochialism if he completes the Mangalore-Bombay West coast railway line for the very reasons which he has given out. We, on our part, had ordered the Railway Board for updating this information and I hope that it will be implemented. If at all there has been any reference, only partly to any railway line, I hope you won't accuse anybody of any parochialism in this matter.

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
We have not done that. Nobody has done that.

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD (Fatehpur) Sir, you also include compulsorily retired personnel in the list of victimised staff. Kindly clarify the position.

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
I made it clear indirectly. In the course of the railway strike, some were suspended, some dismissed and some forced to retire. The last category will also be considered as cases of victimisation and they will be brought back.

also the Ernakulam Alleppey coastal railway for which the people of Kerala are very much anxious and interested.

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
As regards this specific question, where survey has been complete but due to certain reasons construction work has not been taken up in those cases whenever resources are available, those works will be continued. Even if there are difficulties regarding resources, we will try our best to see that the commitment is completed.

SHRI J. RAMESHWAR RAO (Mahabubnagar) I would like to draw the hon. Minister's attention to the Bibinagar Nadukudi line in this context because it has been sanctioned and work is supposed to have started. It is in the area of the Nagarjuna Sagar hinterland where there is a lot of traffic developing. We want to know if work on this will proceed expeditiously.

MR CHAIRMAN It is already covered.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN I would like an assurance on one point. Victimisation of workers has been not only in regard to dismissals that took place but penal transfers and stoppage of increments and so many other things. Will be rescind those penal measures that were taken during the 1974 strike?

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
I have already said that whatever the consequences of victimisation and allied problems, they will be dealt with on par. We have already discussed the problem. Therefore I can give this assurance.

SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU
On a clarification.

MR CHAIRMAN No, this is not a full railway budget debate.

SHRI DHIRENDRA NATH BASU I want to ask about the electrification of the railway line from Bandel to Katwa and doubling of the line from Bongaon to Sealdah and Katwa to Bandel. This matter has been hanging since long.

MR CHAIRMAN Order order there has been sufficient discussion I shall now put all the cut motions together to the vote of the House.

Some hon Members Yes Yes

Cut motions Nos 1 to 45 were put and negatived

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts shown in the third column of the order paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of India on account for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1978 in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos 1 to 11 11A 12 to 16 21 and 22

The motion was adopted

14 40 hrs

**APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS)
VOTE ON ACCOUNT BILL* 1977**

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)
Sir I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78 for the purpose of Railways.

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That leave be granted to intro

duce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78 for the purpose of Railways.

The motion was adopted

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
Sir I introduce the Bill

Sir I beg to move

That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78 for the purpose of Railways be taken into consideration."

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78 for the purposes of Railways be taken into consideration

The motion was adopted

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That Clauses 2 and 3 the Schedule Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 3 the Schedule Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
Sir I beg to move

That the Bill be passed

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted

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1443 hrs

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS* FOR
GRANTS (RAILWAYS) 1976-77

MR CHAIRMAN I shall now put Railway supplementary demands for grants to the vote of the House. The question is

That the respective Supplementary sums not exceeding the amounts shown in the third

column of the order paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of India to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1977, in respect of the following demands entered in the second column thereof—

Demands Nos 3 7 to 10 11A 12,
14 to 16, 18, 19 and 21*.

The motion was adopted

*List of Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways), 1976-77
voted by the Lok Sabha*

No of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant
3	Payments to Worked Lines and Others	16,40,000
7	Working Expenses—Operation (Fuel)	2,88,46,000
8	Working Expenses—Operation other than Staff and Fuel	3,53,50,000
9	Working Expenses—Miscellaneous Expenses	2,00,87,000
10	Working Expenses—Staff Welfare	79,29,000
11A	Working Expenses—Appropriation to Pension Fund	5,00,00,000
12	Dividend to General Revenues and Contribution for Grants to States in lieu of Passenger Fare Tax	3,70,10,000
14	Construction of New Lines—Capital and Depreciation Reserve Fund	3,00,26,000
15	Open Line Works—Capital, Depreciation Reserve Fund and Development Fund	43,17,16,000
16	Pensionary Charges—Pension Fund	12,63,85,000
18	Appropriation to Development Fund	15,70,80,000
19	Appropriation to Revenue Reserve Fund	10,97,70,000
21	Appropriation to Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund	83,28,000

*Moved with the recommendation of the Vice-President acting as President

1444 hrs

APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS)
BILL,* 1977

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)
Sir I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976-77 for the purposes of Railways

MR CHAIRMAN The question is
"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976-77 for the purposes of Railways"

The motion was adopted

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
Sir I introduce the Bill

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE
Sir I beg to move†

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976-77 for the purposes of Railways be taken into consideration"

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976-

77 for the purposes of Railways, be taken into consideration"

The motion was adopted

MR CHAIRMAN We shall now take up the Clauses The question is

"That Clauses 2, 3 the Schedule, Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 3, the Schedule Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

PROF MADHU DANDAVATE I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed"

MR CHAIRMAN The question is
"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted

1446 hrs.

GENERAL BUDGET, 1977-78
AND

DEMANDS† FOR GRANTS ON
ACCOUNT, 1977-78

MR CHAIRMAN Now we shall take up items 12 and 13 that is, General Discussion on the Budget (General) for 1977-78 and the Discussion and Voting on the Demands for Grants on Account in respect of the Budget (General) for 1977-78

Motion moved

"That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the order paper be granted to the President

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‡Moved with the recommendation of the Vice-President acting as President

[MR. CHAIRMAN]
out of the Consolidated Fund of
India on account for or towards
defraying the charges during the
year ending on the 31st day of

March, 1978, in respect of the heads
of demands entered in the second
column thereof against Demands
Nos 1 to 109 "

*List of Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 1977-78
submitted to the vote of Lok Sabha*

No of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant on account	
1	2	3	
		Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION			
1	Department of Agriculture	81,41,000	.
2	Agriculture	62,85,93,000	173,68,30,000
3	Fisheries	7,06,12,000	3,82,74,000
4	Animal Husbandary and Dairy Development]	18,72,66,000	2,20,60,000
5	Forest	5,29,52,000	46,67,000
6	Department of Food	2,03,08,79,000	14,72,51,000
7	Department of Rural Development	45,69,88,000	5,68,07,000
8	Department of Agricultural Research and Education	2,53,000	.
9	Payments to Indian Council of Agricultural Research	19,49,75,000	..
10	Department of Irrigation	7,93,01,000	2,47,25,000
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS "			
11	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	14,35,000	..
12	Chemicals and Fertilizers Industries	25,000	1,56,79,64,000
MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION			
13	Ministry of Civil Supplies and Cooperation	12,27,000	..
14	Civil Supplies and Cooperation	7,57,74,000	7,21,16,000
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE			
15	Ministry of Commerce	48,50,000	.
16	Foreign Trade and Export Production	1,31,54,90,000	106,22,44,000
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS			
17	Ministry of Communications	54,34,000	4,27,33,000
18	Overseas Communications Service	3,59,10,000	2,83,45,000

1	2	3
19	Posts and Telegraphs—Working Expenses	2,03,52,45,000 ..
20	Posts and Telegraphs—Dividend to General Revenues, Appropriations to Reserve Funds and Repayment of Loans from General Revenues	54,56,43,000 .
21	Capital Outlay on Posts and Telegraphs	115,02,67,000
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE 3		
22	Ministry of Defence	24,05,94,000 17,08,68,000
23	Defence Services—Army	598,83,47,000
24	Defence Services—Navy	62,58,65,000
25	Defence Services—Air Force	191,84,23,000
26	Defence Services—Pensions	37,15,02,000
27	Capital Outlay on Defence Services	102,10,01,000
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE		
28	Department of Education	52,53,000
29	Education	62,46,11,000 26,90 000
30	Department of Social Welfare	6,76,70,000
MINISTRY OF ENERGY		
31	Ministry of Energy 3	22,75,000
32	Power Development	17,28,69,000 48,52,31,000
33	Coal and Lignite	7,67,68,000 113,10,00,000
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS		
34	Ministry of External Affairs	38,33,79,000 2,80,47,000
MINISTRY OF FINANCE		
35	Ministry of Finance	10,28,04,000 ..
36	Stamps	7,82,67,000 38,26,000
37	Audit	19,75,00,000 ..
38	Currency, Coinage and Mint	16,11,77,000 8,35,12,000
39	Pensions	17,78,50,000 .
40	Transfers to State and Union Territory Government	182,48,33,000 ..
41	Other Expenditure of the Ministry of Finance	59,81,33,000 155,31,73,000
41	Loans to Government Servants, etc. . . . .	.. 19,33,33,000

1	2	3
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING		
43	Department of Revenue and Banking	2,22,19,000 33,33,49,000
44	Customs	8,92,94,000 ..
45	Union Excise Duties	15,89,20,000 ..
46	Taxes on Income, Estate Duty, Wealth Tax and Gift Tax	14,77,60,000 ..
47	Opium and Alkaloid Factories	21,69,87,000 24,50,000
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING		
48	Ministry of Health and Family Planning	28,17,000 ..
49	Medical and Public Health	33,85,35,000 19,31,41,000
50	Family Planning	43,38,29,000 4,67,000
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS		
51	Ministry of Home Affairs	87,62,000 ..
52	Cabinet	61,73,000 ..
53	Department of personnel and Administrative Reforms	2,73,08,000 ..
54	Police	79,50,83,000 2,16,67,000
55	Census	1,26,79,000
56	Other Expenditure Ministry of Home Affairs	52,34,16,000 19,39,58,000
57	Delhi	44,13,68,000 26,47,00,000
58	Chandigarh	6,51,58,000 3,13,76,000
59	Andaman and Nicobar Island	7,74,24,000 3,77,87,000
60	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	78,96,000 70,04,000
61	Lakshadweep	1,52,34,000 52,13,000
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY		
62	Ministry of Industry	1,05,87,000 ..
63	Industries	7,98,69,000 80,04,89,000
64	Village and small Industries	12,81,28,000 10,82,78,000
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING		
65	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	27,95,000
66	Information and publicity	6,62,44,000 27,57,000
67	Broadcasting	19,55,04,000 8,53,59,000
MINISTRY OF LABOUR		
68	Ministry of labour	28,33,000 ..

1	2	3
69	Labour and Employment	22,46,00,000 3,15,000
	MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS	
70	Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs	4,13,60,000 ..
71	Administration of Justice	12,56,000 .
	MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM	
72.	Ministry of Petroleum	21,49,000 ..
73	Petroleum and Petro-Chemicals Industries	21,73,61,000 144,97 14,000
	MINISTRY OF PLANNING	
74	Ministry of Planning	2,70,000
75	Statistics	4,48,70,000
76	Planning Commission	2,25,75,000 .
77.	Department of Science and Technology	6,92,55,000 55,00,000
78	Survey of India	6,24,57,000
79	Grants to Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	17,17,09,000
	MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT	
80	Ministry of Shipping and Transport.	99,24,000
81.	Roads	30,80,99,000 32,68,04,000
82	Ports, Lighthouses and Shipping	10 58,01,000 72,72,88,000
83.	Road and Inland Water Transport	20,78,000 2,85,53,000
	MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES	
84	Department of steel.	26,31,04 000 1,86,59,12,000
85	Department of Mines	10,67,000 ..
86	Mines and Minerals	14,50,80 000 22,49,00,000
	MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION	
87	Department of Supply	8,14,000 ..
88	Supplies and Disposals	2,54,58,000 ..
89	Department of Rehabilitation	8,41,75,000 3,17,76,000
	MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION	
90	Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation	18,70,000 ..
91.	Meteorology	5,75,05,000 1,23,45,000
92	Aviation	8,28,34,000 12,60,52,000
93	Tourism	1,54,82,000 2,61,67,000

1	2	3
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING		
94	Ministry of Works and Housing	41,80,000 .
95	Public Works	21,49,55,000 9,80,26,000
96	Water Supply and Sewerage	1,00,37,000
97	Housing and Urban Development	4,39,22,000 11,10,75,000
98	Stationery and Printing	10,51,73,000
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY		
99	Department of Atomic Energy	16,96,000
100	Atomic Energy Research Development and Industrial Project	21,95,70,000 31,71,41,000
101	Nuclear Power Schemes	13,92,89,000 19,34,68,000
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE		
102	Department of Culture	3,03,99,000
103	Archaeology	2,26,66,000
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS		
104	Department of Electronics	2,82,33,000 1,48,43,000
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE		
105	Department of Space	12,99,72,000 2,91,61,000
PARLIAMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SECRETARIATS OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AND UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION		
106	Lok Sabha	1,54,10,000 .
107	Rajya Sabha	65,45,000
108	Department of Parliamentary Affairs	6,43,000
109	Secretariat of the Vice President	1,88,000

MR CHAIRMAN Mr Subramaniam.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (Palani)
Mr Chairman Sir, in my parliamentary career, for the last quarter of a century this is my maiden performance as an Opposition Member. May I congratulate the Prime Minister and his colleagues for having assumed the responsibility of governing the country at this very critical time. There were apprehensions that we would not have smooth elections, that we would not have smooth

transfer of power, all sorts of ghosts were being raised, all sorts of rumours were being spread. But even though I belong to the defeated party—the Congress Party—I would like to congratulate the country as a whole on the way in which the election has been conducted and the way in which democracy has functioned in this country. I am sure the people would also appreciate how gracefully the former Prime Minister accepted the verdict of the people. (Interruptions)

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MR SPEAKER Sir, I would plead with you that after all they are in the Government and they are the ruling party. We are entitled to have our say and I am the first speaker on the Budget. I hope you will be interested to know what I have got to say in view of the fact that I have been the custodian of the economy of this country during this critical period. But if they think that because of arrogance of victory, they should not allow me to speak.

(Interruptions) Sir, at the same time I would like to point out, particularly to the Prime Minister and his colleagues that there is a particular pattern of the people's verdict which will have to be taken note of. The whole of the South has given a particular pattern of verdict. Are you going to say that it is of no consequence what the South thinks about the political situation? Are you going to say that the non-Hindi-speaking people are a matter of no concern for us? Therefore when I said that the verdict of the people has been gracefully accepted by the former Prime Minister, I want to point out to the present Prime Minister that there has been a particular pattern in the verdict particularly in the southern States by 17 crores of people and this will have to be kept in mind.

I am sorry I have some more unpleasant things to say. Even the three members who adorn the Janata Party from Tamil Nadu today did not come as Janata Party people. They came in the disguise of Congress (O). They came not by hoisting the Janata flag or by adopting the Janata symbol but by adopting the old Congress (Organisation) flag and symbol. Trading in the name of Kamaraj these three escaped the verdict of Tamil Nadu. If they had dared to stand on the Janata symbol, they

would have learnt what would have been their fate. It does not stop there. Take all the mighty Janata heroes—Shri George Fernandes, Shri Madhu Limaye, Shri Ravindra Varma, Shri H. V. Kamath—all of them sought political asylum in the enlightened State of Bihar, instead of facing people in their own home State. (Interruptions) I am sure there will be greater opportunities to deal with these aspects when the President's Address is discussed, but I thought taking advantage of the debate on the General Budget, I could make some observations on the political situation also.

I would like to congratulate the hon. Finance Minister on the presentation of his first budget, even though I am sorry I have nothing to congratulate him upon so far as the contents of the budget speech are concerned. There is nothing much stated there and obviously he could not. But at the same time he is an old hand so far as the Finance Ministry is concerned. He has been in charge of Finance Ministry and he has experience of the functioning of the Government of India in all its aspects. My only hope is while it is an old hand it will not be an old mind. The Government also have the advantage of having Shri Morarji Desai who had played a notable role in shaping the economic structure of the country first as Minister of Commerce and Industry and later on as Minister of Finance.

The Government do have the definite advantage of the experience of Morarji Desai also. What I want to place before the House is that there is a qualitative change in the economic situation of our country, not only of our country but of the whole world today. As Members are aware, there has been an unprecedented economic crisis in the whole world due to inflation and due to the collapse of the international monetary system and this has not been solved to any considerable extent. We are

when the Railway Minister was reeling off performance after performance and achievements after achievements of the Railway Ministry—and the railway system as such. Some Members felt extremely unhappy. Some Members felt even irritated at the Railway Minister. Why should he recount all these achievements? These are not achievements of a particular Ministry or Minister but they are achievements of the nation about which we should be proud. There is nothing to feel unhappy about. If I put forward the economic achievements of India it is not for the purpose of claiming kudos for myself. It should be a matter of satisfaction that this nation is capable of achieving things in the midst of an unprecedented economic crisis. This is what we have got to realize. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola)
He is talking of something higher

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM It is in this context that we have to consider whatever achievements have been there during the last few years. And therefore I would like to submit for the consideration of the House that this should have been done by the Finance Minister himself even though he might not have been in a position to give the new approaches and the new solutions which he wants to put forward. He should have at least given an account of the state of the economy in the country so that the new Members particularly may be aware of what is the state of the economy today. He probably took a lesson from the treatment which the Railway Minister received at the hands of his party and adopted a judicious attitude of not saying anything about the achievements of the country during the last 2 or 3 years. This is probably what made him completely silent. *(Interruptions)*

As the House is aware India has a most successful record in curbing the violent inflationary pressure which

gripped most of the countries of the world in 1974. The most notable feature of recent economic management in India is the successful anti inflationary measures went hand in hand with substantial increase in output. The national income increased by 38 per cent in 1975-76. The estimates of national income for 1976-77 are still not available. However it is worth noting that the index of industrial production which went up by 35 per cent in 1975-76 is expected to show a further increase of 10 per cent in 1976-77.

Thanks to the vigorous export promotion and import substitution measures the country's balance of payments position has greatly improved. The country's foreign exchange reserves have reached an all time record. The current level of food stocks with the public sector agencies amounting to 187 million tonnes also represents another all time record.

The highly favourable developments on the food and foreign exchange fronts I want the hon. Finance Minister to take note of this provides the Government with wider options than at any other time in the history of independent India. It is up to the Government to choose the options. *(Interruptions)* Unfortunately it is job of the new government to look after the employment and unemployment problem not mine.

MR SPEAKER I would request the hon. Members not to make too many interruptions. Otherwise you will lose time and to that extent lose two more speakers. If hon. Members speak without being interrupted then it will be possible for a large number of members to speak from both sides. Once in a way an interruption is all right but not like this. It does not help anybody. I am making this appeal to both sides not to one side alone. He was the Finance Minister the other day he is now speaking to the present day Finance Minister. When he is talking if you interrupt him in this manner it

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will not be helpful to you. You are losing time. As the Speaker I am worried about losing time. Otherwise I can give chance to two more speakers. So I would appeal to the hon. Members to allow him to speak. Once in a way an interruption can be made but not continuous interruption which is not going to help anybody.

श्री मनोहर लाल (कानपुर) हिन्दुस्तान की 62 करोड़ जनता ने श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी की बात नहीं सुनी है तो हम इनकी बात क्या सुनेंगे।

MR SPEAKER That is all over now

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM I was on this point that in view of these developments that have taken place we have options now not just one option but very many options are available and it is up to the Government to choose the options, try to find out the various alternatives available and choose the best alternative according to their judgment which would meet the needs of the country and will be in accordance with the priorities which they have indicated in the President's Address. That is what I am saying. I do not know why people should feel uncomfortable when I say that we have got the economic strength to deal with the national situation.

I will not go into the performance in the agricultural sector.

An hon. Member: Why?

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM Because it is very well known and it is a process which I had the honour to start the green revolution, and therefore it might be thought that I am boasting or feeling a little proud about it.

Now that Bahuji is on that side I am sure they would be happy to concede that agriculture has done very well and that it has a bright future.

If he had not been on their side agriculture also would have been shouted down. This is the unfortunate state of affairs.

In agriculture also we have built up the capability to produce more and there is also greater potential for development so that we may not be the victims of the vagaries of nature. There is no difference of opinion with regard to the priorities either of the Government or of the Opposition. We have given the highest priority to agriculture and I am sure the same priority if not a higher priority will be given by the present Government also to agriculture.

But what does agriculture mean? First of all agriculture would require irrigation for the purpose of greater production. In the Budget which I had the honour to prepare for the consideration of this House if we were returned to power we had provided the maximum amount necessary for the purpose of major, medium and minor irrigation. I had given clear instructions to the Planning Commission that as far as agriculture was concerned whether it was major, medium or minor irrigation project, finance should not stand in the way but only the capacity to implement at the various State Governments at various levels. If there can be further improvement with regard to the allocation for irrigation I would be the first person to welcome it but before I increase the allocation I am sure the hon. Finance Minister would see how far further moneys could be allocated without resulting in infructuous expenditure. Subject to that I would subscribe to any amount being provided for irrigation.

The next important input with regard to agriculture—I am glad the Agriculture Minister is here—is quality seeds. Coming from Punjab as he does I am sure he understands the significance of quality seeds. If there was some stagnation in agricultural production before 1974 for a few years that was mainly due to the fact that

the quality of seeds began to deteriorate because there was no agency responsible for the production and distribution of quality seeds. When I was in temporary charge of agriculture for three months soon after Fakhruddin Saheb assumed the Presidency of this country I looked into this and made some structural changes with regard to the National Seeds Corporation. I brought together the National Seeds Corporation and the State Farms Corporations and formulated a scheme costing Rs 120 crores of which Rs 60 crores was to be provided by the World Bank. I am glad to find that this has delivered the goods and today we are in a position to say that we have quality seeds in sufficient quantities to be distributed not only with reference to cereals but, it is covering to other areas also like cotton, oilseeds and pulses. I am glad to inform the House and I am sure the Agriculture Minister is aware of it that we have already started export of quality seeds but I am told that recently that organisation has got into certain difficulties. I would request the Agriculture Minister to look into it quickly and see that there are no obstacles placed in the way of the functioning of the Seeds Corporation because that is the surest way to allow the quality of the seeds to deteriorate which would affect production ultimately. I need not go into details but from the records he will be able to find out the difficulties that have emerged there—purely personal, I am told.

• Apart from irrigation and seeds, the other input is fertilisers. Fortunately production of fertilisers has considerably improved in our country as also its consumption. In 1976-77 the consumption of fertilisers is estimated to have gone up by 27 per cent. Increased consumption has been made possible by a series of price reductions effected in the last two years. In order to enable farmers to purchase modern inputs, commercial bank lending to agriculture has gone up by 36 per cent in 1976-77.

In addition, 45 rural banks with 477 branches have been set up to promote savings and investments in rural areas. Today there is a lacuna that is, a gap with regard to the credit availability particularly in the rural areas. No doubt this moratorium and writing off of debt of the poor farmers and the poor agricultural labour have been beneficent measures but unfortunately alternative systems have not come into existence to provide small credit which is required by the small farmers. This could be provided by the rural banks. That is why we started this idea of the rural bank. As I said we have already set up 45 rural banks and the idea was to have 50 banks. I think they will now be increased. I am sure the Finance Minister will go into it. It was contemplated that every rural bank would have hundred branches. That is how the whole country would be covered by the rural banking system. We have to increase them. If sufficient credit will have to be made available to the farmers. I am sure the hon. Finance Minister will go into this aspect.

As far as industrial production is concerned I have already stated that this year it is likely to reach an increase of 10 per cent. Then I am glad to find that the public sector undertakings have done much better than the private sector undertakings and thanks to the stewardship of my respected colleague Shri T. A. Pai, a former Minister of Industry and particularly in charge of heavy industries. He has given a new orientation with regard to the management of these public sector projects. In the past there was always some criticism with regard to the functioning of the public sector projects and as a philosophy to which my hon. friend (Swatantra Member) subscribed to that public sector projects can never thrive in this country and for that matter in any other country except in a communist system but fortunately it has been demonstrated that public sector projects could achieve results and better results than the private sector projects. That is what we

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have got to take note of. As a matter of fact, private sector units are being taken over by the public sector management for the purpose of extracting them well and giving them better help. I hope the hon. Finance Minister will not carry his old Swatantra prejudices when he mentions about the role of the public sector which has got to play a significant part particularly in the economy of our country. It is not so easy to forget the past.

(Interruptions)

The other area in which we have achieved significant progress is in the area of export. Thanks to the energetic export promotion measures, our exports displayed a healthy rising trend. In this connection I am glad to find that my erstwhile colleague Shri Mohan Dharis in the Planning Ministry, has been put in charge of this very important Ministry. He is a very dynamic person. I am sure he will make a success of the responsible charge he has been entrusted with. I hope and trust that this trend in export will be kept up in 1975, it increased by 18 per cent. In the first nine months of 1976-77, it amounted to Rs. 3546 crores showing an increase of 31 per cent over the corresponding period of 1975-76.

चौधरी बलबोध सिंह (होनिदागपुर)

मैं एक व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। एक माननीय सदस्य बोल रहा है और उस व्यवस्था में उसके दमियान से कोई आदमी गुजर सकता है।

MR. SPEAKER I know that. He is a new Member. Therefore, I kept quiet. He ought not to cross the floor between the Chair and the member speaking.

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM. I was saying in the first nine months of 1976-77 exports amounted to Rs. 3546 crores, showing an increase of 31 per cent over the corresponding period of 1975-76. At the current rate there is little doubt that they will exceed or perhaps, they have already exceeded

the target of Rs. 4500 crores for the year. Unfortunately, I do not have the current figures with me now. What is equally important is that our volume has also exports will exceed the target of 8 per cent laid down in the Fifth Plan. I hope he will not revise it for the sake of revising it.

The commodity pattern and the geographical destination of India's exports is now fairly diversified so as to permit a steady growth in export earnings. Award of turnkey jobs to Indian firms in countries such as Kuwait, Libya and Saudi Arabia in face of stiff international competition shows that Indian industry has acquired new resilience and strength. The fact that engineering goods now top the list of export products is a measure of the vast structural transformation of India's economy. At the same time because of the import substitution and because of the various products being produced within the country, the imports in 1975-76 were 14 per cent higher than in the previous year at Rs. 5158 crores and food, fuel and fertilisers accounted for 60 per cent of the total. In 1976-77, data for the first nine months show that imports have declined by over 8 per cent at Rs. 3916 crores. This is due mainly to a decline in the imports of foodgrains and fertiliser.

Another miracle which has happened and about which we should be proud is with regard to exploration and exploitation of oil. This has transformed the economy of the country. Therefore this is another area about which we have got to be vigilant. But I was sorry to find that till now I do not find any Minister in charge of Oil. (Interruptions)

एक माननीय सदस्य 'अध्यक्ष महोदय' व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। मालूम हो रहा है कि माननीय सदस्य ने चुनाव से पहले जो बजट स्पीच सदन में देने के लिए तैयार की थी उसी में से बोल रहे हैं और हमारा समय बर्बाद कर रहे हैं। (अवधान)

MR SPEAKER You had your say Now, allow him to speak

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM I do not know why this has happened I am sure the hon Prime Minister will take note of it Till now I do not find any Minister in-charge of Oil except the Prime Minister himself being in-charge of everything that has been left out This is an important area which requires immediate attention because I know some of the problems which have arisen there I hope, some Minister with capacity to deal with these problems will be put in-charge of it immediately so that there is not a gap with regard to the performance in the field of oil which is one of the most encouraging developments that has taken place in the Indian economy today

The strength of our balance of payments is also due to increased inward remittances Gross inward remittances increased from a level of Rs 645 crores in 1974-75 to Rs 1185 crores in 1975-76 and Rs 1303 crores in the first ten months of 1976-77 This seems to be the combined result of the response to schemes for attracting funds from Indians abroad and checking leakages in the inflow of foreign exchange through a crack down on anti-social activities and smuggling The figures of remittances above give a fairly good measure of the harm the anti-social elements were causing to the economy and the benefit that has accrued to the community from the firm handling of such elements Now that we have lifted the Emergency, all these gentlemen are at large now

श्री सी. सुब्रमण्यम जी आपने अपने
बयान के लिए धन्यवाद दी है।

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM Now Government should give serious consideration as to how they are going

to deal with these smuggling element, because once they are given an opportunity to build themselves up it would require another great effort to put them out of action Therefore, immediate attention will have to be paid with regard to the action to be taken to see that the smuggling activities do not get revived in any way whatsoever

The successful performance in different sectors has created certain problems Unfortunately success itself brings new problems This is the law of progress What is progress after all? I am sorry to philosophise a little but you will pardon me for that What is progress after all? You find solutions to old problems and those very solutions create many new problems A society which is tackling those new problems is progressive and a society which goes on tackling and struggling with, the old problems is a stagnant backward society Therefore what we consider to be a success in one area creates new problems in another area I was saying what we have built up by way of foreign exchange and what we have built up by way of foodstocks But these have created a situation now where the money supply has increased beyond the tolerance limit Therefore, unless we take sufficient measures this is likely to lead to upsurge of inflation I thought I should make a mention about it because this requires immediate attention while the hon Minister may take his own time for the purpose of formulating his priorities and finalising the budget

As far as controlling prices is concerned particularly the prices of the essential commodities it can brook no delay for in 1976-77 the increase has been 158 per cent in the first eleven months And what is the state of our country today as compared to September, 1974 when the price level reached its peak? At that time because of the various measures that we had taken, it fell down by 15 per cent. And this 15 per cent has been made

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up now. Our situation now it that the price level is as it was in 1974. I want to point out that no other country in the world can boast itself of this situation where they have, in 1977, the same price level which existed in 1974. This is the state of affairs. But this should not lead us to complacency. The only relieving feature in this is that this 15.8 per cent is not an all-round increase. As a matter of fact, it is two or three commodities which have contributed to the major portion of this rise, and those are edible oil and cotton. Fortunately, we are in a position to import as much as we want of this edible oil and cotton, as a matter of fact, the previous Government have already taken sufficient measures to import adequate edible oil and I find from the newspapers that it is already having an effect on the edible oil price situation. In the same way, we have taken steps for the purpose of importing enough fibre bouth man-made fibre and natural fibre. These are the two areas where we have to be cautious.

Till now, particularly during the last two years we were concerned with demand management. Now we have to take up the supply position also. Fortunately, today we have the economic strength the resources to improve the supply position also. There should be a two-pronged attack on both demand management as well as improvement of the supply position of the various essential commodities. Particularly in this area, I would like to pass on my thoughts to the Finance Minister for what he thinks they are worth and whatever, he thinks is worthwhile he should take them into consideration.

What is now important is to see that the prices of essential commodities do not run away. Those essential commodities will have to be necessarily foodgrains edible oils, sugar, cloth through cotton and domestic fuel. These are the main commodities which will have to be taken care of. Fortunately, we have the economic

strength to-day. We have the resources to deal with these commodities. Therefore if these are taken care of, automatically, I have no doubt in my mind that the price situation can be controlled to a great extent and this should be one of the highest priorities which the Government should adopt for this purpose.

In this respect, we have also to take care to see that the money supply does not increase to an intolerance limit. There are tolerance limits and already, particularly during the last two months, I find that there has been a little bit of relaxation with regard to financial discipline. I am sure the Finance Minister will look into it and whatever steps are necessary for the purpose of controlling the money supply, they should be undertaken as an urgent measure.

The third area of concern relates to the question of unemployment about which the hon Members are very much agitated. Such statistics as there are of employment in the organized sector increased by 4.59 lakhs or 2.3 per cent in 1975-76. Vacancies notified and placements effected during January-October 1976 were higher by 26.4 per cent and 24.1 per cent respectively compared to the figures of the corresponding period of the previous year. Admittedly these statistics do not give an adequate picture of employment in the organized sector, let alone the unorganized and agricultural sector. Here, I would like to place for the consideration of the Government. How are we going to tackle this problem of unemployment which leads to poverty? After all, eradication of poverty depends upon first of all providing employment to the people, so that they may have enough purchasing power and production of all commodities of mass consumption. Therefore how do we achieve it?

In all humility I want to submit having gone through the experience of various Ministries, particularly

when I was dealing with the Department of Science and Technology, we have evolved a new pattern of integrated development for the rural areas. It is nothing but the application of science and technology for the purpose of uplifting the rural areas. I need not go into the details of it. As a matter of fact I submitted a detailed document when I submitted the Budget last year and this has been considered not only in various seminars and forums inside India but it has been discussed in the international forums also and it is accepted that perhaps there is no other alternative except the integrated rural development for the purpose of solving the rural problem, the rural unemployment and eradication of poverty. I am glad to find that a mention has been made in the President's Address with regard to integrated development. But some of us are under the impression that when we have to deal with the rural problems we do not require high science and high technology. I differ from it. As a matter of fact it is for the purpose of solving the rural problems and for tackling poverty that we require the most sophisticated technology. Take for instance one basic thing which has got to be done for the purpose of introducing and implementing the integrated rural development. That is the need of an inventory of all the natural resources available in any particular area. If we start surveying in the traditional way, it will take a generation perhaps to find out what we have by way of natural resources. To-day we have the advantage of the satellite, the earth satellite circling around the earth. Then we have the advantage of aerial surveys. And, based on that, it is possible to identify areas of natural wealth.

For the purpose of rural development you have to use the latest technology available, so as to find out the natural resources available.

I can go on giving number of instances where highest science and

technology would be necessary. But for the purpose of exploiting natural resources what is important is if you go in for sophisticated technology, it would be at the cost of the local manpower. Therefore, that is where appropriate technology comes in for the purpose of exploiting and giving employment to the large manpower available in the rural areas.

One area in which we can be proud of our achievement is with regard to our scientific competence and technological capability. I am sure the hon members would be glad to hear that we have the third largest scientific and technological manpower in the world. With regard to quality they stand in comparison to quality of manpower in any part of the world and they are manning most sophisticated areas in the various parts of the world.

To-day we are in a position to tackle poverty. We have the technical manpower. We have built up scientific competence and technological capability in the country and this science and technology will have to be made available not merely for the purpose of sophisticated technology for various purposes for urban improvement. It has to be applied to the rural areas also. This is the new turn which we have given and fortunately this rural integration has been blessed by Vinobhaji. He requested the Prime Minister that in addition to the 10 districts taken up for the purpose of pilot project during the current year, Wardha District may also be included. We added Wardha District as the 20th district.

With all humility I want to submit this—If we want to eradicate poverty, it is not by more and more industries. Those are necessary for backing up the rural efforts. But it is only by upgrading rural capability, by providing more employment opportunities for the exploitation of the local resources, natural resources. That is the only way to solve the problem of poverty and also giving a new life

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to the rural masses. As far as that is concerned I would like to place before the Government that fortunately we have the technical manpower willing to go the villages for the purpose of providing new leadership and appropriate technology to the rural masses. We had planned on that basis. I hope there would not be any hesitation with regard to adoption of this integrated rural development.

I am not saying that the last word has been said on it. As a matter of fact it is only the beginning of the process. I am sure there could be further refinements, further modifications with regard to the approaches with regard to the integrated rural development. But the direction is quite clear. The philosophy is quite clear and as particularly all of you are professing now, many of them who had no faith in Gandhiji have become advocates of Gandhian philosophy to day I would like to point out this programme is quite in accordance with Gandhiji's thought. He was not against science. But he was against science becoming a master over men. He wanted science to be our slave and servant. We should use science and technology for the upliftment and for the promotion of the rural masses. Therefore to-day we are in that position. The solid gains registered by the economy in the last three years provide us a unique opportunity to launch a more effective attack on poverty, unemployment, ignorance and disease in years to come. This is the unanimous view of all impartial observers of Indian economic scene. What has been achieved under most unfavourable national and international circumstances is a matter of pride for all patriotic Indians. Nothing is gained by partisan propaganda designed to weaken the nation's self confidence. However there is no cause for complacency. In essence what has been achieved is just the beginning of a

new forward state which could herald rapid strides being made in Indian agriculture and industry. We could be on the threshold of a new era of adventure and excitement in India's quest for modernisation. This is a mighty national endeavour in which all of us will have to participate. We on our part as a party are prepared to give our wholehearted support to the Government in these efforts in building a great socialist society.

MR SPEAKER The following are the cut motions which are treated as moved

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU (Chittoor) I beg to move

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development be reduced by Rs. 100

[Need to give sufficient funds to Andhra Pradesh for Dairy Development. (1)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Irrigation be reduced by Rs 100 "

[Need to take Nagarjuna Sagar Project under Central Sector (2)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Chemicals and Fertilizers Industries be reduced by Rs 100 "

[Need for reducing the fertiliser prices so as to be within the reach of the small farmers. (3)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Revenue and Banking be reduced by Rs 100

[Failure to give loans by the nationalised banks for those who are not having property. (4)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Ministry of

Information and Broadcasting' be reduced by Rs 100'

[Need for starting a TV Station at Tirupati (5)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Atomic Energy Research Development and Industrial Projects be reduced by Rs 100

[Failure to instal an atomic energy plant in Andhra Pradesh (6)]

SHRI C K CHANDRAPPA (Canonore) I beg to move

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Agriculture be reduced to Re 1

[Failure in taking steps to set up Coconut Board (7)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Agriculture be reduced to Re 1

[Failure in taking over the wholesale trade in foodgrains when there is adequate buffer stock (8)]

PROF SHIBBAN LAL SAXENA (Maharajganj) I beg to move

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Agriculture be reduced by Rs 100

[Failure to make the Dehradun Forest Research Institute fully autonomous (9)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Agriculture be reduced by Rs 100"

[Failure to stop the import of all foodgrains and other agricultural products by making the country self-sufficient in them by raising agriculture prices to the extent of import prices.(10)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Agriculture be reduced by Rs 100

[Failure to take the Gandak Canal by Syphon under the Rohin river to Pharinda Tehsil and spread a network of irrigation canals all over Pharinda Tehsil as has been done in Maharajganj Tehsil of Gorakhpur District (11)]

SHRINATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore) I beg to move

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Agriculture be reduced by Rs 100

[Need to provide remunerative price to agriculturists for their products (12)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Agriculture be reduced by Rs 100

[Need to undertake drought relief measures in all drought stricken areas in Tamil Nadu Karnataka, Bihar Orissa Kerala Maharashtra and other areas on a war footing basis with special attention to drinking water facilities (13)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Fisheries be reduced to Re 1

[Failure in stopping the entry of subsidiaries of multi-national corporations and monopoly houses from entering the fishing industry.. (14)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Fisheries be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure to reorganise the fishing industry on cooperative basis with a view to saving the poor fishermen from exploitation by middlemen (15)]

[Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Fisheries be reduced by Rs. 100

[Need for thorough reorganisation of fisheries with a view to finding more employment (16)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development be reduced by Rs 100

[Need for setting up a cattle farm for finding employment for the tribals who are being resettled in North Wymad in Kerala (17)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Food be reduced by Rs 100

[Need for reducing the overhead charges for the grains handled by the Food Corporation of India (18)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Irrigation be reduced by Rs 100 "

[Need to step up the work on minor irrigation projects in drought prone areas. (19)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Irrigation be reduced to Re 1

[Delay in settling the Kaveri waters dispute (20)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Irrigation be reduced to Rs. 100 "

[Need to undertake the Punnam puzha Pandiyar Irrigation Scheme immediately thereby ensuring relief to the perennial drought areas of Colmbatore and Avinashi taluks in Tamil Nadu. (21)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Department of Irrigation be reduced to Rs 100

[Need to examine the feasibility of the Ganga Cauvery Canal. (22)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers be reduced to Re 1 "

[Failure in implementing the recommendations of the Nathi Committee on drug industry (23)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Ministry of Civil Supplies and Cooperation be reduced to Re 1

[Need to set up a network of public distribution system throughout the country (24)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Ministry of Commerce be reduced to Re 1 "

[Failure to give assent to the proposed Ordinance of the Kerala Government for the nationalisation of foreign-owned tea plantations (25)]

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD (Fatehpur)
I beg to move

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Ministry of Home Affairs be reduced by Rs. 100

[Need to give rehabilitation grants to the MISA detainees and to the heirs of the deceased victims (26)]

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN I beg to move

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Ministry of Labour be reduced to Re 1 "

[Need to restore the right of bonus to all workers (27)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head Ministry of Labour be reduced to Re. 1

[Failure to take action to check closures lay-off retrenchment and other attacks by employers such as increased workloads on the workers (28)]

That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ministry of Works and Housing' be reduced to Re 1

[The demolition of dwelling places of the poor in the big cities in the names of beautification (29)]

"That the Demand for Grant on Account under the head 'Ministry of Works and Housing' be reduced to Re 1"

[Failure in instituting an enquiry into the Turkman Gate incidents and firing which resulted from indiscriminate demolition. (30)]

PROF R. K. AMIN (Surendranagar) Sir, I would like to congratulate the Finance Minister for giving us a very short, brief and well-balanced speech but I don't know what words I should use for the very long speech given by the shadow Finance Minister Mr Subramaniam. I can only pardon him because, in the hope of becoming the Finance Minister, he must have prepared his speech and where can he utilise it except speaking in this House? Any way I would like to bring to your notice Sir, the Subramaniam trap which has been presented by the shadow Finance Minister. What is it that he referred to by referring to national achievements in his speech? He wanted to show that he rises above parochial considerations. But here is a trap. By saying "national achievements" he has pointed out to us to India's achievements and therefrom that to India's achievements. Especially he referred to one of the achievements during the years 1975-76 as the increase of eight per cent in the national income. But Sir, we should remember that that was because of a very prosperous agricultural year. It was because of the grace of weather-gods not because of any emergency or not because of any Indira's efforts, but it was due to the efforts of the

rain gods. Further he talks about prosperity of India. Let me ask one pertinent question to him. Our Finance Minister also can reply to this matter. In a very prosperous year why had you to import 75 million tonnes of foodgrains from abroad and thereby wasting our slender foreign exchange resources? Despite the fact that there was prosperity in the country and you were selling foodgrains at very cheap prices in the fair-price shops why the issued quote by the Government, has not been taken by the fair price shops? Why in fair price shops, the stocks were getting accumulated and not sold out? That was because real purchasing power was not there with the masses, there was severe unemployment. They were unable to buy them despite the fact that they were available in fair-price shops. This indicates very poor conditions in which the masses were living. And yet Mr Subramaniam talks about the achievements of the Indira Government.

There are two or three specific things which I would like to bring to the notice of the hon Finance Minister. He is very much concerned about the price-rise. The price rise during the last year was of the order of 125 per cent in respect of the whole-sale price index. But the real issue is this. We are very much concerned with the purchasing power of the common masses.

The wholesale price index does not reflect the purchasing power of the commonman. Therefore, what he should evolve is the new index number giving guidance to the common people like us. That is he should give the index number of the most essential commodities which the poor-man or commonman requires. What happens to the rise or fall in price of those commodities in terms of this index is most important. If that is given one can find out what has happened to the purchasing power of the commonman. I hope that when he comes next time with his budget, he

[Prof R K. Amin]

will come with that sort of the price index in which the common man is interested

The deficit financing estimated last year was of the order of Rs 2328 crores but actually it had come to be of Rs 425 crores now I hope he will throw some light on this How is it that despite the fact that our revenue has increased there is deficit financing to this extent? Time and again the Finance Minister on the floor of the House had assured the people that there would not be any increase in the deficit financing and still there is an increase in the deficit financing

I would now refer to another thing The hon Finance Minister said that next year there might be a deficit financing to the extent of Rs 1432 crores and when we draw upon from our foreign exchange reserves a sum of Rs 800 crores still there will remain a deficit upto the extent of Rs 632 crores next year I would now request the Finance Minister to tell us one thing Of course in these three days he might have been helpless for making changes in the estimates which the earlier Govt has prepared but at least he could have changed the proposals of incurring expenditure and making an investment next year, i.e. some of his proposals of expenditure could have been curtailed and by so curtailing he could have reduced the deficit from Rs 1423 crores to a very very low figure Having said this I would like to suggest to him it is wrong to think that Rs 800 crores proposed to be drawn upon from the foreign exchange reserves will not lead to inflation I would draw the attention of the House to the fact that the supply of money has already increased considerably in this country during the last two year Money is at present sitting and not on wing The velocity of circulation is low at present But this condition which is prevailing in the country shows that probably the velocity of circulation

will increase So, the money will be on the wing instead of sitting Although you may draw upon from the foreign exchange reserves, the inflationary pressure which is existing at present may affect the price rise Therefore he should find out what is the inflationary potential at present and then decide about the extent of deficit financing

Some of the part of the last year's expenditure was of a political nature I want to know especially after 18th of January when Parliament was dissolved, when there was a caretaker Government, how many promises have been made which had involved an additional expenditure for this Govt because the previous Govt wanted to satisfy the electorate That must be clearly shown to us by our Finance Minister

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur) Mr Speaker, Sir, Mr Subramaniam spoke about the democratic spirit of the people which was expressed in the last election and he also congratulated the people of this country who in no uncertain manner have expressed their faith and belief in democracy In spite of the repression that was let loose by the previous Government for the last nineteen or twenty months by denying the people their fundamental and human rights they have by means of a silent revolution brought about these political changes in this country and have rejected this discredited party which has brought the country to this position

Mr Subramaniam was speaking about the genuine achievements Having been rejected by the audience outside the House we have been subjected here to a catalogue of the so-called achievements prepared by the DAVP, it seems a la V C. Shukla's style

Sir he was speaking of South India Having been rejected by the vast majority of the people in this

country he is now trying to create division amongst the Indians by referring especially to South India as if people in North India do not represent a large segment of the Indian masses. I am sure our friends, brothers and sisters in South India have realised the mistake they have committed and they will soon rectify it in the elections that are bound to come soon.

Sir he was speaking of Mr George Fernandes and Shri Madhu Limaye taking so-called shelter in Bihar. But it is better that leaders like them should be adopted by any and every part of the country. But what about their own leader who has been rejected by her own people in spite of the larded development projects which had been carried out in Rae Bareilly as if Rae Bareilly is whole of India. And what about their Yuvaraj and our hon. friends there paying obeisance with their conscience mortgaged. These so-called leaders of the people had surrendered their conscience even to that youngman who had no accountability to the people of this country and today they are shouting about democratic institutions! Their political credibility depended on the blessings of that youngster who had no credentials. Therefore the lesser they talk about democracy the better it will be.

Sir whatever progress this country has made, has been made in spite of that party and in spite of these people. It is the achievement of the people and not of the Congress party. That is why we are supporting this government because we are respecting the verdict of the people. In spite of the reign of terror that has been carried on in this country people have expressed themselves in favour of democracy and we are all for this.

So far as the budget speech of our present Finance Minister is concerned I do not envy him because he has to hold a de-formed baby of a diseased progenitor. The new government has

taken charge with the unequivocal support of the people not only against autocratic rule but also against the economic policies which have been followed in this country for the last thirty years which have made the poor poorer and the rich richer and have also widened the disparities between the people of this country and allowed stranglehold of monopolists and foreign capitalists over the vast masses. This is the achievement of the last thirty years. During this emergency we were given the mantra of 20-point programme as if by chanting this mantra we can get rid of poverty. The more they chanted this mantra the greater was the poverty in this country.

Sir we witnessed an unusual spectacle during the emergency. When the prices were actually rising with a manipulation of some sort of agency in Simla we saw the price level going down statistically, and taking advantage of that they reduced the amount of DA and brought compulsory deposit schemes. And so far as the big monopolists and capitalists are concerned they were allowed to retain the money in their hands by way of reduced payment of DA and they were making more and more profit at the expense of the common people.

Sir the people of this country are prepared to give sufficient time to this Government because we have to undo the misdeeds of 30 years so that the Government can evolve proper policies which will eradicate poverty and achieve economic growth consistent with our social objectives and which will generate employment opportunities and reduce disparities. And we are committed to support this Government so long as it keeps its pledges to the people of this country.

Sir 30 years of Congress misrule has resulted in 70 per cent of the people of this country living below the poverty line. They don't feel ashamed. They talk of potentials and

Leading office bearers of government service associations and unions were dismissed for no fault except that they were leading cadres of different service organisations. Large numbers of employees were dismissed under art 311(2) (c) without inquiry. When this was challenged in the courts and the courts directed them to show the reasons why they had been dismissed they did not wish to disclose the reasons they claimed privilege. It was because they had no reasons to disclose. Only those people hide reasons who have no reasons to disclose. This is the position. I have already written to the Finance Minister in this connection. In the income-tax department in the audit and accounts department and in the commercial intelligence department people have been singled out for dismissal by taking recourse to draconian measures like the extraordinary provision in art 311(2)(c) of the Constitution.

What has happened to the ordinary normal functioning of all trade unions and service associations? Take the Reserve Bank of India. Taking advantage of the emergency all their activities have been stopped. Even deputations to the Manager are not allowed. There was a circular issued which says

No employee of the bank shall participate in or lead any mass demonstration including mass deputation to the Manager or the head of the department or any other officer of the Bank whether during or outside office hours within any premises for the time being occupied by the Bank."

I cannot ventilate my grievances even to the head of my department. This is the sort of difficulties created for the employees taking advantage of the so-called emergency for the control of an internal situation all bogus. It was all utilised for the purpose of taking away the minimum

rights of the citizens of the country and of the government employees.

The circular I referred to is dated 23 March 1976. This concerns the Reserve Bank. There are similar circulars concerning other departments. I am sure the hon Finance Minister will follow the same principle as enunciated by the hon Railway Minister with regard to the dismissed and suspended employees. I am sure he will do justice to these employees very soon.

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[SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI in the Chair]

As for the other aspects of bulldozing measures adopted by taking advantage of the emergency getting only 47 per cent of the vote for parliament but having 75 per cent of the seats they misused their majority to pass certain laws. You will recall the measure concerning separation of audit from accounts. The real object of the measure was to prevent proper scrutiny of wasteful expenditure prevent discovery of the same. That was why audit was separated from accounts.

I am sure during the next session the Finance Minister will come up with the main budget proposals. I am sure at that time he will bring forward proposals for doing good to the people for reducing the rigours of unemployment and the disparity between rich and poor. These are proposals to which the people of the country are certainly looking forward. Meanwhile there are certain things which require immediate attention like the restoration of bonus, DA and scrapping of CDS as also the withdrawal of dismissal and suspension orders on Central Government employees. There has been large scale victimisation of State Government employees also but we are not concerned with this at the moment. But so far as the Central Government

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employees are concerned, I have already written to him. I am sure he will look into the matter and take necessary steps to withdraw the circulars which are inhibitive of the normal lawful constitutional functioning of the employees organisations and associations. If this is done a healthy atmosphere will be created and there will develop a spirit of co-operation between the departments concerned and the employees. I am sure nobody can blame the workers and employees organisations for having stood in the way of progress. Those were the ideas of a discredited discarded party. I am sure we shall not be following that.

I do not wish to take more time. I will mention only about one thing. Shri C. Subramaniam referred to smuggling. Certainly, we are totally against smuggling. But now that the requirement for contribution to the Congress fund is not there now that that source has dried up the incidence of smuggling will be reduced. They were the beneficiaries of this naturally they had to pay black money to finance them. The ordinary laws of the country I am sure would be able to help you stop smuggling but if they are used in a lackadaisical manner they would help the smugglers. If they are implemented properly, you can stop smuggling. You have to associate people in this matter you have to have faith in the department and activate the department in a manner that they are also inculcated with the spirit of patriotism and love of the country. That will be the best thing for the purpose of stopping smuggling and also stopping the drain of foreign exchange in an illegal manner. Given the will of the people of the country it can be done. With all his experience Mr. Patel, with the support of competent colleagues would be able to achieve this by formulating proper policies and implementing them. They should remove the long

standing grievances of the people and raise the standard of living of the people at least to the minimum necessary. With these words I support the budget proposals of Mr. Patel and I am sure that the main budget when it comes will help the people.

SHRI A C GEORGE (Muzandapuram) Mr. Chairman at the outset may I congratulate the new government the new Prime Minister and the new Finance Minister Mr. Patel. I have the unique privilege of conveying the greetings to this new government the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister from Kerala a small state in the extreme south of India. It so happens that they did not send anybody to Parliament who would support the present government or its allies. Out of 20 Lok Sabha seats the enlightened and highly literate people of Kerala just refused to send one member of the Janta Party or its close cousins and relatives from the CPM. It was interesting to hear from Shri Somnath Chatterjee what he says he was congratulating and aligning himself with the new government.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE You are making a mistake if you think that you can make us deviate from our path we know what we stand for.

SHRI A C GEORGE If you kindly wait half a minute I shall explain to you what the mistake is. Even Palghat which used to be represented by that revered leader A. K. Gopalan was lost to the CPM because of the new relative the Janata Party. Then there is the most progressive state of Andhra Pradesh. I am sorry that the hon. Speaker is not here. That state sent only one person Mr. N. Sanjiva Reddy simply because they were assured that he would be elected as Speaker and he would immediately resign from that Party and so they happened to elect him.

The enlightened people of Andhra Pradesh thought of sparing only one

[Shri A. C. George]

1975-76 to the tune of Rs 1200 crores. But in spite of this we had a favourable foreign exchange situation. Why? In 1974 the remittances from our patriotic Indians abroad was Rs 46 crores on an average. In 1975 because of the rigorous enforcement measures and alert administrative measures because of the various other attractive measures taken by the Finance and Commerce Ministries in 1975 the average went up to Rs 86 crores. In 1976 it stood at Rs 126 crores per month i.e. about Rs 1500 crores per year. It is this phenomenon which in spite of the biggest adverse balance of payment gave us a favourable foreign exchange situation. The Finance Minister must remember that this was because of the rigorous enforcement measures taken. Mr Somnath Chatterjee is not here at the moment. He was giving a very constructive advice to the Finance Minister to stop smuggling saying "You must appeal to the patriotic sense of the smugglers. It is on record. The great revolutionary Mr Somnath Chatterjee who was advocating that smugglers must be hanged, hand-cuffed, abandoned and sent out of the country now asks the Finance Minister to appeal to the patriotic sense of the smugglers. This reverse advice is really interesting. I do not know whether this is due to the new relations with Janata Party. The advice is that the Finance Minister must spare some time go to the smugglers of Bombay and on the western coast and the eastern coast sit with them and say "Friends, I appeal to your patriotic sense!"

This is an important point. This country has a strong currency now. It is widely known that the power and influence of any country is directly proportional to the strength of its currency. There is no question of mincing words about that. In international relations there is nothing like absolute friendship. If a country is strong and powerful it means its currency is strong and powerful.

Please do not think that just by appointing Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee as External Affairs Minister, we are going to get new friends in the international sphere.

Do not think that by just appealing to the patriotic sense of the smugglers you will be in a position to achieve anything. We will have to adopt very rigorous measures. Of late—I never question the bonafide of Mr H. V. Patel—for the past ten days there is an atmosphere in the country that you can get away with anything. The industrialists, the traders, the wholesalers somehow feel that here is a Government where we may be comparatively safe. I am happy Mr Somnath Chatterjee has come. I was correctly advising them what you have said.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE I said that if there is a proper implementation the normal course of law is enough. You terrorised them and you took money for election purposes. (Interruptions)

SHRI A. C. GEORGE In the new circumstances I am sure Mr Somnath Chatterjee will be more interested in the normal course of the law especially in the matter of smugglers.

As I said I will never attribute motives or malafides to them but surely because of your party and some allies somehow a feeling is going on that any economic criminal can escape. This is a dangerous trend. With all humility with all the best intentions I am giving this suggestion to the Finance Minister that if you will allow this feeling to strengthen you will never be able to check and control economic offenders. Already they have got a feeling in Bombay in the coast of Gujarat and other places that here is a Government which is at least a different one than the earlier one. (Interruptions) I am telling a few things in their own interest. Here is a Finance Minister who has been given a state of economy which is very healthy compared to any other.

developing country The inflation has been controlled to a great extent The wholesale and consumer price index has been brought down It is their duty to see that this tempo is not slowed down It is their duty to see that it is preserved and at least the pace of progress is not retarded

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East) Mr Chairman it is very interesting to hear Congressmen speaking from the Opposition benches and trying to hide the fact as to why they were not voted back to power I am even more surprised that a distinguished former Minister like Mr Subramaniam should undertake a digression into an area about which he hardly knows anything

Mr Subramaniam proposed a new doctrine that those who are from a particular region must fight from that region He quoted the example of George Fernandes He quoted the example of people like Madhu Limaye, but he forgot to mention me

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM I am sorry I did not mention the modern Netaji

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY I would like to take this opportunity to say that all of us in this country regard every other part as much or as equally as any other part I am surprised that Mr Subramaniam would go to the extent of saying 'their own people What does that mean? How far should we push or apply this doctrine? May I ask Mr Subramaniam what about your former distinguished colleague Mr Krishna Menon or Mr Ajit Prasad Jain? What about Mrs Indira Gandhi herself? She is from Kashmir By his doctrine she should fight from Kashmir By her own admission she should fight from Gujarat because she said that she was the daughter-in-law of Gujarat Or, because her husband was a Parsi maybe Mr Subramaniam's suggestion would be that she should fight from Iran and not from India And considering the

form of government being practised there, I am sure she would feel very comfortable there I think this kind of logic cannot be utilized He must have spoken thus when he was in a hot moment He is known to speak a lot of illogical things when he is angry He easily gets angry The Constitution says that a man may be registered as a voter anywhere, but he can fight from anywhere else This constitutional principle he abides by and respects

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATE) When did he respect the Constitution?

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY Yes, maybe he has not read the amended Constitution That part is still there I would urge Mr Subramaniam that in order to get rid of the petty mind and narrow vision, he should fight from somewhere else during the next election which would teach him that actually India is one and that all of us can go outside our own villages and get some affection Maybe he can come to Bombay in the next election, and fight against me. And maybe because of the name-confusion, he may get my votes also I am willing to come just now

Now I would like also to take very strong exception to Mr Subramaniam's statement that government very gracefully handed over power What does that mean? Government is expected to hand over power Gracefully, of course We did not expect anything else This is a surprising statement to make as if the earlier government had any option I would have dared them to do anything else Let them try and not hand over power and see what would have happened. They would have tried because even when the election-results were coming out, people who were in high offices, instead of immediately resigning—being in government—asked for re count and for repoll, and perhaps some of them sought police inspectors, and some of them acted in a disgraceful way; and

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some of them even had bullet shots at them. This is the kind of drama that they enacted. (Interruptions) I would say that if this is the kind of logic that would be applied we can say that we were equally graceful in that we have not arrested Mr Subramaniam and put him under MISA. He is a free man and he can say what he likes. As long as the Janata Party government is there I am sure he can speak with full freedom he need not worry.

We shall certainly prosecute people under the normal laws. One of his colleagues talked about smugglers. We are a little apprehensive that if we caught all the smugglers the Congress party would get decimated because most of their workers would be in jail having the profession that they do.

The other thing that I must take exception to is the talk of economic achievement. I can understand that under the Emergency all of them were afraid that if they did not come out with the sings song about economic progress they would lose their ministries.

But after the whole thing is over when the facts have all come out they should at least have the honesty to come out and put the whole matter in perspective. The Economic Survey which should have been published by now has not been still published. Perhaps the election would have been an embarrassment perhaps they were occupied doing other things in the election when they should be doing official work and that is why perhaps it has got delayed.

I myself prepared a booklet in 1975 where I pointed out the economic progress since emergency. All the facts in this booklet were taken from newspapers, censored Indian newspapers and put them together. What happened? I sent it openly for print.

It was during the emergency and before the elections were announced. What happened? The Government impounded all the 5000 copies of the booklet and still I am yet to get possess on of it. Of course Government was in a very difficult position. They could not catch me. So they caught my book instead.

Kindly take facts step by step. I ask Shri Subramaniam which of these can be questioned? He says the prices have been brought down. Since when were they brought down? The prices were brought down from September 1974 to March 1976 which really consisted of nine months before the emergency and nine months after the emergency and they were brought down for a variety of other factors. Which of the prices were brought down? If you consider the retail level, it is the price of food and the price of edible oil. The price of food came down because there was a very good harvest. Considering that 75 per cent of our crop is rain fed crop the production is based on the fact that rain come on time. The price of crop came down because of the rains. It is said that the trains run on time because of the declaration of emergency. I hope it would not be said the Gods were terrorised and so the rains came on time. I hope they would not claim that.

Even at that time if the prices of edible oil came down whom the credit should go? Much of the edible oil is coming from groundnut and a large portion of it is produced in Gujarat which at that time was under the Janata Morcha Government. So the credit should go to the Janata Morcha Government. But we do not claim credit for it. Yet the rains came on time and that is the reason why the commodity prices have come down why the prices of other commodities have come down.

The Government did reduce the prices for air-conditioners and television sets. But these, of course do

not concern really the poor man at all. You cannot consider them as poor man's requirements. Therefore if you really study the position since March 1976 the prices have been continuously going up and today even by these 'purious' fake wholesale price index which is drawn up by God knows whom under what circumstances and under whose directions the wholesale price index shows within one year an increase of 12 per cent. And if we consider the retail price as published by the Economic Times which is one of the leading papers which does publish the retail prices for Bombay city the retail prices are 35 per cent higher than they were a year ago.

These are facts which Shri Subramaniam cannot contest. When did the prices come down during the emergency? The prices came down and rose during the emergency. When during the period of 19 months of the emergency the prices came down for 9 months and rose for 10 months how can he say that the prices were controlled during the emergency? Obviously he cannot say that at all.

Similarly in all the speeches while they bring out everything the word unemployment does not appear at all. For example take the 20 Point Programme. Even a learned man like Shri Subramaniam goes on talking about the 20-Point Programme. I asked several Congress men what is this 20 Point Programme. They all said it is a revolutionary programme. When I asked them what is the revolutionary part in the 20 Point Programme they said we have not studied it but the programme is revolutionary. But this 20 Point Programme says nothing about unemployment there is not a word about unemployment in it. The 20 Point Programme talks about text-books, all kinds of irrelevant non sense but it does not say a word about unemployment. Why are you worried about the 20 Point Programme? The

Government had decided that they shall never as long as they were put there publish the estimates of unemployment. They never did it. The Planning Commission also refused to do it. Now we shall certainly attempt to publish the estimates of unemployment. But the fact of the matter is even according to the statistics of the employment exchange registers in the 19 months during the emergency unemployment has gone up by 35 per cent. These are all figures put out by the Labour Ministry and this is something which can be tested. In this 35 per cent increase there are 12 lakh industrial workers who have been retrenched.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) 15 million

DR SUBRAMANIAM : SWAMY
And if you include all the Ministers who have been unseated you will have an even higher figure.

Then they talk of industrial growth but they do not mention anything about the small industries. It is a significant thing that more small industries have closed down in the last 20 months than in the last 20 years. According to their own figures 16 000 small industrial units had closed down largely because they were not getting any raw materials. They did not have any lobby. Previously they could lobby with the whole Cabinet or with some Ministers or MPs but now they had to lobby with only one person or half a person whichever you like and it is always very difficult to lobby with one person.

Even Mr Subramaniam said that the growth rate was 8 per cent for 1975-76 but that the figure was not available for 1976-77. They are available. The growth rate for 1976-77 is going to be only 2 per cent compared to 8 per cent for the earlier year. In the earlier year rains came on time and everything was all right. Your

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growth rate went up because agricultural production went up but in 1976-77 rains were not on time there were cyclones and floods. This Congress Government had never done anything to meet them. Therefore the growth rate has dropped to 2 per cent. They talk of their stewardship of the economy and its strong position but I am sure the Finance Ministry will soon be releasing these figures for the benefit of all.

Similarly they talk of industrial output and say that this year's industrial output is going to be 0 per cent. But you increase industrial output for what in which sector? It has been neglected in the public sector. What is the use of increasing coal production when the rest of the country is not in a position to buy that coal? There is a huge stockpile of coal at the pitheads also of steel, fertilisers and every other commodity. Mr Subramaniam will remember that in July 1974 this Congress Government totally bankrupt of ideas did not have any clue how to control inflation. At that time some independent economists got together and came up with the idea of credit squeeze as a short-term strategy. That is what he adopted, but he continued it for a long period. Prices are like temperature and credit squeeze is like aspirin. Mr Subramaniam being a poor doctor kept on giving the aspirin. The patient was about to die but luckily we have been brought in and we shall bring some life back into the economy. If he had been there the patient would have been dead.

Then they talk of the foreign exchange that they have accumulated but they do not mention what the trends are. Certainly in the first few months foreign exchange reserves went up but that was largely due to larger remittances by Indians abroad those in England and Canada due to the fact that in those countries there

was racial violence and tension. In the beginning they were giving monthly figures, but what about the period after September 1976? Is it not a fact, I would ask the Finance Minister also, that remittances from abroad, especially since August 1976 have been steadily coming down because the panic of Indians abroad is going down?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE The remittance in February was Rs 124 crores and on 18th March, 1977 the foreign exchange figure was Rs. 1419 crores

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY But are you going to keep it in a museum or transfer it to a Swiss bank? What are you going to do with it? Why have you accumulated all this foreign exchange? In fact it is a criminal act that this foreign exchange was not utilised for proper imports. Instead of that they just kept it in the Reserve Bank and issued rupees to the Indian Public.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Are you losing sight of the fact that Mr Subramaniam was the author of 'Devaluation of 1966'?

(Interruptions)

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY You will come to know very soon what we are going to import. They talked about that the value of the rupee had gone up. I want to know against which currency it has gone up? I know what they have done about it. This is all tall talk. This is all publicity and total falsehood. This is total falsehood to say that the value of the Indian rupee has gone up. It went up some time back against the pound because India had the mysterious concept of linking its value to a basket of currency in which the dollar happened to play the biggest role. It went up automatically like *gadha* and its *poonch* (donkey and its tail) that is, wherever the *gadha*

goes its poonch also goes The same way, the value of the rupee went up against the pound If you consider the value of the rupee *vis-a-vis* dollar, you will find that it has gone down This is the present position of the rupee *vis-a-vis* dollar Therefore, this has no merit at all That is what the Congress Party had been doing In the first place, none of them had the courage to stand up Secondly, their leader came up with a programme which had no basis They came out with the 20-point programme for getting some people released from the jails That is what all about it What is the 20 point programme? (Interruptions)

I am one of the few persons who have actually read the 20-point programme Mr Vasant Salhe went to Paunar and came back with lovely messages and all that What is the 20-point programme It says that we must increase production Some people came and told me, 'Are you against increasing production?' Even my grandmother told me that production should be increased, but she never became the Prime Minister The duty of the Prime Minister is to specify where we have to increase our production because this country has got certain priorities There are limitations on our resources Every body can say that production should be increased It is the duty of the Prime Minister to specify exactly what are the priorities and which are the areas where production has to be increased

(Interruptions)

Let us look at the intellectuals of the 20-point programme

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola) You tell us what is important according to you

He himself does not know what he is talking about

(Interruptions)

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY
This House must know what a fraud of 20-point programme is The question is that there are certain statistics in the 20-point programme I want Mr Subramaniam to answer my question He says, "In one year in the 20-point programme, we shall increase irrigation potential by 50 lakh hectares"

But the Five Year Plan says that in one year we can increase only by 9 lakh hectares And the achievement is only 8 lakh hectares The Prime Minister's 20-point programme says, 50 lakh hectares whereas the Planning Commission says, 9 lakh hectares. The achievement is only 8 lakh hectares What was going on in the Government? Did you have guts to tell Mrs Indira Gandhi that the 20-point programme figures were different from those of the Planning Commission? No Because Mrs Indira Gandhi happened to be the Minister of Planning, the Chairman of the Planning Commission and the author of the 20-point programme How can you say, in one breath, 50 lakh hectares and in another breath 9 lakh hectares? And the achievement is only 8 lakh hectares

Regarding the power development, it was said that the power generation will increase by 2600 MW, that is, that would be the capacity created or the potential created But the Energy Ministry says, it is only 1700 MW and the achievement is only 1440 MW That is what was going on Did you expect that anybody will ever confront you with actual figures and find out what fraud you were perpetrating on the people of India? All this make-believe economic progress in the last 20-months must be fully exposed I would urge upon the Finance Minister to come out with actual facts and figures and let the people of India know what actually happened in the last 20 months, how much the poor people suffered in the last 20 months

[Dr Subramaniam Swamy]

and how the Emergency benefited only a handful of people. They did not have guts to speak out and allow anybody to have his say. They did not allow even the speeches made by the Members of Parliament to be reported in the newspapers. With all this purdah the 20 point programme might look very big. But it is not so. This is what a poor man told me in my constituency where 40 per cent of the people live in slums. He said Mrs Indira Gandhi promised to reduce the poverty in 1971. We are going to Delhi to tell her to return the poverty of 1971 to us because the poverty of 1971 is much better than the riches of 1977.

SHRI APARINDA BALA PAI (Pondicherry) Mr Chairman Sir I rise to participate on the General Budget discussion. I will be failing in my duty if I do not congratulate the Ministry headed by Shri Morarji Deasai and also the Finance Minister Shri H M Patel who has to his credit varied experience of civil service and also as a Member of Parliament. But as a Member of the All India Anna DMK, I have to say certain things to both the sides.

I am really proud to see many of the old Ministers the Foreign Minister the Finance Minister the Commerce Minister and other Ministers sitting as a shadow Cabinet on this side. At the same time I welcome the new Ministers on the other side the persons like Shri Mohan Dharma Shri Madhu Dandavate and others. This is the first time that the country has got such an opportunity to strengthen parliamentary democracy and let us not waste it.

As I said last time the people can not be fooled for long by showing progress mainly on paper. They should feel that there is real progress in the daily life. I gave that warning last time and the verdict has now come.

I am not sorry for it. We have to respect the verdict of the people. We have been supporting the Government whenever progressive measures were undertaken and at the same time criticising the Government whenever the mistakes were committed by them. Now the verdict has come and it has to be respected by both the sides. I mean the people on the opposition side also have the verdict of the people to sit and oppose the government as and when required for dissent is the essence of the democracy.

This is the first time that we are having a large number of Opposition Members on this side to balance the parliamentary system of Government. There is another group like us to tilt the balance whenever required in the interest of the people of this country. If the ruling party goes on the wrong track we will not be cowards and we will point it out with all the might at our command and, at the same time we will not be failing in complimenting them whenever good things are done for the people.

When I came for the first time to this House I could not even utter a word because several Members used to get up at the same time and none could be heard and the poor Speaker had the hectic time. I hope that is over now. And I humbly request the members on both the sides to adhere to a peaceful and dignified parliamentary system in our country.

This is the best Parliament that we have this time in all these 30 years. Dr Subramaniam Swamy was very eloquent in pointing out the 20 months so called achievements imbalance etc. But this is not the time for us to criticise the past Government. It is alright we had all gone before the people and the people have given their verdict. This is the time for us to act, and if we do not act people will punish us in the same

way as they had punished the previous Government. It is constructive opposition and work that is expected of us at this time. I was expecting Dr Subramaniam Swamy a great rising economist with whom I used to discuss matters in the Central Hall to give us a positive and clear programme. I was pleased to see Mr H. M. Patel sitting there as the Finance Minister. But I have not seen any positive programme in his speech. I know that the time at their disposal was very short but considering his eminence, his vast experience and his capability I was expecting him to spell out the main lines of the positive programme. Every one of us talks of unemployment but what is the policy and programme to solve the unemployment problem? That has not been given. Let us not talk of the past. Please tell us what you are going to do for the future. I know economics is commonsense more complicated. So let us come to the common man's economics. This country is a giant and if it has to be lifted from its economic slumber it needs a bulldozer injection not small penicillin and terramycin injections. In the past thirty years—I do not blame that Government entirely failed—they also tried their best but they failed in many spheres also. But what is your positive programme and policy? What is the bulldozer injection that you are going to give to this country? You should tell us now. I do agree with you that civil liberties are to be restored but I cannot agree with you when you say that complete economic liberty is to give it at the cost of the poor. You cannot make the people richer by using economic jargons and slogans. You have to give constructive and positive programmes so that people can believe and co-operate with you in your task.

SHRI K. GOPAL (Karur): On a point of order. Can a Minister sleep in the House? The hon. Minister of Health and Family Planning is sleeping in the House.

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJAJOR: I can understand this. Let him take some rest. You can see the effect of elections in me also. My throat is affected.

The people of this country are watching how the Janata Government is going to help them. How the All India Anna DMK Party is going to give constructive opposition support and how the Congress Party is going to give constructive criticism. I do agree with Mr C. Subramaniam when he came out with certain facts which cannot be denied. Of course there was misuse of Emergency but we cannot also deny that there were gains of Emergency. There was discipline in the country as far as the economy is concerned. I was able to send my son and daughter to the school peacefully. But at the same time I do not agree that they had done everything in a proper manner and when I raised it in the House at that time many Members said that I would be sent to Alipore Jail if I did that and my reply was that I would prefer to go to Alipore Jail rather than being sentenced by the people of this country. I said that that was the last chance for them to survive and many of them never listened to me and they paid the price for it. Now in the very first step I am afraid the same old mood of brushing aside constructive suggestions is being revived. I do not warn you but I recall to your memory what happened in the past. This is not the way you are supposed to function. While I congratulate the Prime Minister I would remind him of this. Let it be a real Janata Government not a hypocrite or unreal Janata Government. I know you blamed the previous Government that they never went to the people to understand their problems. And when we all went to the people for votes it was not all positive votes many negative votes were also there for people are not very much concerned only about the civil liberties such as the writ of Mandamus, Quo Warranto and Certiorari.

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The people of this country expect bread the people of this country expect shelter the people of this country expect food and not only food but also clothes. What is the programme you have suggested for that in this Budget? Will it take such a long time for the Finance Minister to spell out the simple philosophy as to how you are going to help the 'Janata' by the Janata rule? I just want to know in clear terms.

I appeal to you to tell the people first that we are going to give you employment by these methods. Not only that I know from my little experience of my own constituency of Pondicherry and also other places in Tamil Nadu what people expect of us. (Interruptions) I can understand our young men's anxiety. People said that the old generation is going to rule. But when I saw Mr Subramaniam Swamy getting up I thought here is a young brain in the Government and there will be a compromise the compromise of mixed economy. I will come to the economy part later on. If you are going to disturb the peace of the House and say that this is a different House I am not prepared for that and at the outset I may say that I cannot be a party to that kind of things being perpetrated in the House. I want sincere work. I want sincere and constructive work in the House. We have to rise to the occasion and this is the time for us. If you do not rise to the occasion not only people will condemn us but also other forces will lead to a revolution in the country. That is the warning of the recent elections.

I agree that this government cannot be blamed for the present state of affairs. But also remember that we were not a party to the previous government's misdeeds, we lent them selective support. Similarly we assure you that we will also support you. But may I tell you? People want to know what is your policy so that we can select and support? Are you going

to give bonus to the labour? What is your policy with regard to rural indebtedness? When this matter of bonus was represented to the Finance Minister, I am sorry, I could not say that he was positive but he was neither negative but he was highly evasive. You must tell categorically that bonus will be given to them. When Mr Amin was speaking about the economic philosophy I tried to understand his thinking on our economy. Unless you give money to them they will have no purchasing power. You take away from the left hand what you give by the right and I want to know from the Finance Minister what sort of balanced economy he is going to have in this country then? In this context I tell you about the people in the rural areas. I know many of us got the votes from the common man. We always go and talk about the poor man in India for the sake of slogans. But when you go to the rural people, what is their position? He is indebted upto his neck. I tell you. The previous government protected the poor only from the private money-lenders. But the poor is not protected from the harassment of the Govt credit. Even today I have received telegrams from my people that they are harassed and put to lot of difficulties in recovering the dues from them. The cooperative and bank officials harassed and tortured the poor common man. In Pondicherry I saw for a petty loan of Rs 50 or Rs 60 the poor man being harassed by the cooperative bank. I expected Mr Swamy to give some suggestion. What has he got to help the man in the rural areas in tiding over this indebtedness? I have one suggestion. We have the post offices throughout our country. Why not make them as a lending institution? Mr Subramaniam said that the Rural Bank has come up to help. May be it is very good for theoretical purposes but we have seen in the past that all this does not help the common man. But why don't you make the post office as a lending institution? Why don't you suggest such a kind of constructive programme? That is what is expected of Mr Patel. I know Mr

Patel He is very busy there When he used to sit here he used to advise us also Perhaps he thinks from the opposition I cannot give him any suggestion But please remember that all of us are elected as representatives of our people who require considered attention Your statement I admire is well-written and in good English I know pretty well that the Finance Minister has varried experience as Finance Secretary member of this House in the past You are a very clever man My humble request to you is let us not be escapists I say that the previous government were escapists in certain matters and they were punished But I do not blame all of them Many of them were sincere people and they tried their best to help the country When the achievements were there I heard Mr Chatterjee saying 'They are peoples achievements' You do not want to give any credit to them It is not proper

be The slogan was that within a short span of time it cannot be done In economics in the long run everybody will die and nobody will survive to Judge the results

The other day the Prime Minister was saying that he had plan for 10 years We have five years, seven years or ten years plans We should give a good-bye to all this What is your programme Janata Party has approached the people with the programme Where is it in your budget?

MR SPEAKER Please conclude

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANER I request the Members to take it seriously I request the hon Finance Minister (Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER He is concluding Could you not conclude in a minute or two?

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANER I will take another ten minutes

MR SPEAKER Then, to morrow

17 00 hrs

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

I agree with them that there was progress in the country and certain economic discipline was there But at the same time the Reserve Bank of India had given a verdict inflation is going on As far as educated unemployment is concerned it is more than 60 lakhs The position in regard to uneducated is still worse Purchasing power is going down What is the measure and what is the policy which the Government is going to adopt?

You are taking Vote on Account for four months We will be wasting four precious months of the year What are the programmes which you are taking after four months? We were used to such kind of things in the past whatever Government may

17 02 hrs

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE—
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PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Proclamation No P-1/1977 dated the 27th March 1977 issued by the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, under section 92 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, published in Jammu and Kashmir Government Gazette dated the 27th March 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-13/77]

As you know, Jammu and Kashmir is a very far flung mountainous and backward area. What was required to be done was that there should be rapid economic development and that the needs and the aspirations of the people should be met. But unfortunately what happened was that the developmental process slowed down, unemployment increased to our great dismay. The basic feature of the accord was that all the secular democratic and patriotic forces should get together. But what happened was that the National Conference which had come into being when the Plebiscite Front was wound up was not ever able to overcome its deep-seated allergy and antipathy to the Congress. The situation deteriorated and matters came to a head in the recent general elections that were held. It became very clear that the accord was not functioning at the ground-level at all. In fact tensions increased. We would have been hoodwinking the people if we had continued to support Sheikh Abdullah. And therefore after due consideration, the Congress parliamentary party decided to withdraw support to the Sheikh Abdullah Government and on the 25th of March, the Leader of the Party wrote to the Governor that they have withdrawn the support, enclosing a list of Congress members and saying that they would be prepared to form a new stable Government. They did not act irresponsibly. They realised that Jammu and Kashmir is a sensitive State and we should ensure a stable Government in Jammu and Kashmir. We knew very well that we had a very clear-cut majority in the House. This has not been disputed by anybody so far.

Therefore the party wrote to the Governor. Now this is where an extraordinary development starts happening. Sheikh Abdullah, for many years has been proclaiming his democratic professions and he has been claiming to be a great democrat. Was it not his duty, at that time when he enjoyed power, as a

result of two years Congress Members support—was it not a simple, straightforward and clearcut political responsibility—to have immediately resigned and ask the Governor to call upon the Congress to form the Government?

He had only three people in the house. It is unprecedented, I think, in the history of the constitutional functioning throughout the world, that one person with three musketeers should have the affrontry to advise the Governor to dissolve the House when there was a clearcut majority there. First of all I would like to make this point. Where was political morality or propriety of Sheikh Abdullah in recommending the dissolution of the House when he knew fully well that the Congress Party had a clearcut majority? As a result of this undemocratic action, he would stand condemned in the eyes of the people. I think this is the first important point that this honourable House should realise.

Then Sir, what happened? What has the Governor done? Sheikh Abdullah should have resigned and asked the Governor to call upon the Congress to form the government there. He did not do that. Despite his professions he threw them to the winds and said 'dissolve it'. Then comes in the Governor. What has the Governor done? The Governor should have clearly pointed out that he had only three Members in the House and here was a party which had a clearcut majority. Before I dissolve the House, I must call upon this Party to form the Government. What has the Governor done? The Governor was here in Delhi. On the 25th letter to the Governor goes. And on 25th the Governor flies back to Jammu and without waiting without even meeting the members of the Congress Legislative Party—if he had any doubts

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DR. KARAN SINGH We are prepared. We have just faced the people of the State. We will happily face them. That is not the point. The point I am making is that I am very sorry to have to say that in a critical matter like Jammu and Kashmir, the government have slipped up and, therefore, it has become—wittingly or unwittingly—partner to a sordid act of political betrayal. And as watch dogs of the welfare of the people it has become our duty to bring the matter before the House in the form of an adjournment motion and as such I commend this adjournment motion before this humble House.

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अध्यक्ष महोदय मेरी तो गारी विन्दनी ही विरोधी की सरकारों में बोली है, 16 मार्च की उष में 25 मार्च तक मैंने अफेंडी हजूम का विरोध किया, उसके बाद कांग्रेस सरकार का हम साथ विरोध करने लगे और अन्त में सदन भंगने लगे । लेकिन हम लोग जिस प्रतिशत में बैठ कर काम करने थे, वह विरोध हम प्रतिशत था, कई दिनों में बंटा हुआ था ।

[श्री मधु निमये]

आज मुझे बड़ी खुशी है कि हमारा नया सविधान इस देश में स्थापित होने के बाद पहली बार एक समष्टि प्रतिपक्ष इस सदन में स्थापित हुआ है, इस लिए मैं आशा करता हूँ कि सत्ताधारी दल और प्रतिपक्ष, मेरा तात्पर्य मान्यता प्राप्त प्रतिपक्ष से है, दोनों मिल कर जन-स्वानन्द की रक्षा के लिए और समदीय मस्याओं को जड़ का मजबूत करने के लिए मिल कर काम करेंगे।

मैं इस बात का विन्दु नजरान्दाज नहीं कर रहा हूँ कि हमारे दल में और विरोध पक्ष में बुनियादी मतभेद है लेकिन इन बुनियादी मतभेदों के बावजूद मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि राष्ट्रीय हितों का हम लोग सबोंपरि रखेंगे। मैं यह मानता हूँ कि जब हम प्रतिपक्ष में थे तो हम ने भी कुछ भूनें हुईं होगी। मैं यह नहीं कहना कि हमारे सार काम ठीक ही थे लेकिन इस बात से इकार नहीं किया जा सकता कि जब देश के ऊपर आक्रमण हुआ या देश के ऊपर अन्तराष्ट्रीय संकट आए, तब प्रतिपक्ष ने अपने ऊपर जिम्मेदारी ली और सत्ताधर दल के साथ रह कर देश के हितों की और जनता के हितों की रक्षा की। उदाहरण के तौर पर मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि जब 1965 की लड़ाई हुई, उस समय प्रतिपक्ष ने दलीय भावना से ऊपर उठ कर जनता और सरकार का साथ दिया। जब वगना दल का मामला सामने आया, तो अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप जानते हैं कि प्रतिपक्ष ने महापात्र की भूमिका निभाई और जब कभी इस सदन में काश्मीर का सवाल उठाया गया और उस के चर्चा हुई तो काश्मीर के सवाल के महत्व को, उस की अस्मिता का महत्त्व रखते हुए, हम लोग ने हमारा राष्ट्रीय दृष्टिकोण अपनाया

था। मकट काल की घोषणा से पहले श्रेष्ठ अध्यक्ष साहब और प्रधान मंत्री जी के बीच में जो समझौता हुआ था काश्मीर के मामले को लेकर और उस पर जो इस सदन में चर्चा हुई थी, उस की आज हमें याद आ रही है। मैंने उस चर्चा में भाग नहीं लिया था लेकिन मेरे मित्र श्री मधु दंडवते ने, जो अब रेल विभाग के मंत्री हैं, हमारी तरफ से भाषण किया था और अध्यक्ष महोदय, यदि आप और हमारे दूसरे मित्र उस भाषण को पढ़ेंगे तो पता चलेगा कि श्रेष्ठ अध्यक्ष और प्रधान मंत्री जी के बीच जो समझौता हुआ था, उस का हम लोग ने खुल कर समर्थन दिया था। क्यों किया था। क्योंकि हमारी मान्यता थी कि काश्मीर का सवाल दलीय राजनीति का सवाल नहीं है। काश्मीर के साथ अगर आप दलीय राजनीति की बातें करेंगे तो मरी अपनी मान्यता है कि न केवल सत्ताधर दल को चोट पड़ेगी, न केवल प्रतिपक्ष को चोट पड़ेगी बल्कि समूचे राष्ट्र की स्वाधीनता खतरे में पड़ जाएगी। इसलिए हम लोग ने राष्ट्रीय दृष्टिकोण को अपना कर काश्मीर समझौते का समर्थन दिया था।

मेरे जिस लायक दोस्त ने आज यह काम रोको प्रस्ताव रखा है, वह मेरे मित्र हैं। उनका मैं बहुत आदर करता हूँ और जिस तरह से श्रेष्ठ अध्यक्ष का स्थान काश्मीर की राजनीति में कोई नहीं छीन सकता है, उसी तरह से मैं मानता हूँ कि जम्मू व काश्मीर की सियामत में डा० कर्ण सिंह का अपना स्थान है। उससे मैं इकार नहीं करता। इसलिए मैं उम्मीद कर रहा था कि मेरे मित्र दलीय भावना से ऊपर उठ कर औचित्य के आधार पर, राष्ट्रीय हित के आधार पर और सविधान की जो धाराएँ हैं, उन के आधार पर इस बहस को उठाएँ और अपना भाषण

करेंगे। हो सकता है कि हमारा जो सविधान है, चाहे म. व. का सविधान हो या काश्मीर का सविधान हो—बहुत सारे लोगों को शायद यह मालूम नहीं है कि काश्मीर का अपना अलग सविधान है—उसको ठीक से कुछ लोगो ने पढ़ा नहीं। अभी मेरे मित्र डा० कर्णसिंह ने कहा कि जब काश्मीर का सविधान बना था तो उस पर उन्होंने हस्ताक्षर किए थे लेकिन पता नहीं कि उन्होंने हस्ताक्षर करते समय उसको पढ़ा या नहीं क्योंकि उस समय उन की उम्र बहुत छोटी थी और वे बहुत कम उम्र के थे। मैं कोई व्यंग्य के तौर पर नहीं बोल रहा हूँ। उस समय उनकी उम्र बहुत कम थी और इस लिए अगर उस समय उसको उन्होंने नहीं पढ़ा होगा, तो उसमें उन को कोई दोष नहीं लगता।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस में जो बातें हैं, उन के ऊपर हम लोगों को विस्तृत निष्पक्ष और तटस्थ बन कर सोचना चाहिए।

मुझे बड़ा आनन्द हुआ कि इतना महत्व का सवाल कर्ण सिंह जी ने उठाया और आपने चर्चा के लिए उसको लिया। मैं अपनी सरकार से और हमारे सदस्यों से विनम्रतापूर्वक यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि जब कभी देश के महत्व का सवाल यहाँ आए तो यह देश की बड़ी भवायत है, इसमें उसकी चर्चा जरूरी होगी चाहिए। मैं अपनी पार्टी की ओर से आपका आग्रहस्त करना चाहता हूँ कि जिस प्रकार कांग्रेस पार्टी इससे भागती थी, हम कभी भी इस प्रकार के विवाद से भागेंगे नहीं। अगर हम से मतलब होता है तो मैं अपने मंत्री महोदय और प्रधान मंत्री जी से कहूँगा कि वे विनम्र हो कर इस सदन के सामने आए और अपनी मतलबों को बतल करें। मतलब बतल करने पर और विनम्रता से पेश आने पर

यह सदन उनको माफ करेगा। इसलिए अध्यक्ष महोदय, एक स्वस्थ परम्परा बननी चाहिए कि सत्ताधारी दल और विरोधी पक्ष के बीच जहाँ तक खुली बहस का सवाल है, वह हो। आपकी कोशिश होनी चाहिए, हमारी कोशिश होनी चाहिये, मेरी भी रहेगी, कि हर राष्ट्रीय महत्व का सवाल पर इस सदन में बहस हो और सभी मुझे सारे सदन के सामने आए और किसी को भी चर्चा से भागने का प्रयास नहीं करने दिया जाए।

मेरे स्वर्गीय नेता ने मुझ को सिखाया था कि जो दण्डधारी होता है, सत्ता मरहता है, उसको हमेशा विनम्रता से बान करनी चाहिए और विरोधी पक्ष के जा लोग होते हैं वे अगर गुस्से में भी बात करते हैं तो उसको बदरिस्त करना चाहिए। मैं आशा करता हूँ कि हमारे दल में इस आदर्श का पालन होगा। मैं अपने स्वर्गीय नेता की जब बात करता हूँ तो मेरा तात्पर्य डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया से है और डा० राममनोहर लोहिया ने हमेशा कहा है कि जो दण्डधारी है, जो सत्ता में है, उसको बहुत कुछ पीना चाहिए, बदरिस्त करना चाहिए। इसक लिए हमारी सदा कोशिश रहेगी। अगर हम गलती करते हैं तो आप हमको ठीक रास्ते पर लाने का काम कीजिए, हम आपकी बात को मानेंगे।

जहाँ तक आज के प्रश्न का सवाल है, कर्ण सिंह जी के भाषण को मैंने गौर से सुना है। उनका मुख्य मुद्दा यह था कि जिस मुख्य मंत्री के पीछे बेखत तीन सदस्यों का समर्थन है, क्या ऐसे मुख्य मंत्री की सलाह पर राष्ट्रपति को या गवर्नर को—भूँकि इसमें राष्ट्रपति की सम्मति का सवाल आता है इसलिए मैंने राष्ट्रपति का नाम लिया—काम करना चाहिए? आपका मुख्य मुद्दा यही था कि क्या राज्यपाल या राष्ट्रपति का इनकी सलाह पर काम करना जो परिस्थिति उत्पन्न होती है उसको समाप्त

[श्री मधु निमये]

बन्ना चाहिए ? आप कहते हैं कि मुकर मंत्री के भनावा और योग का बड़ा बूमत था । ठीक है जिन स्तर पर इसकी चर्चा होनी चाहिए उसी स्तर पर इसकी चर्चा करेगा ।

आप 1972 के चुनाव का उल्लेख किया है । माफ कीजिए मैं यह बात आज नहीं कह रहा हूँ क्योंकि मैं इसपर बंटा हूँ । 1972 में जब तब चुनाव के नतीजे नहीं आए थे, मैं बिहार और पश्चिम बंगाल का दौरा करके आया था और कश्मीर के बारे में मेरे पास मनावाचार आये थे, तभी मैंने एक पत्रकार सम्मेलन में कहा था कि कश्मीर और पश्चिम बंगाल में जो चुनाव हो रहे हैं वे न तो निष्पक्ष हैं और न स्वतंत्र वातावरण में हो रहे हैं । मैं तो इससे भी आगे जाकर कहूँगा कि स्वतंत्रता प्राप्ति के बाद से कश्मीर में जितने चुनाव हुए वे सभी स्वतंत्र चुनाव नहीं हुए हैं । बड़ा स्वतंत्रता के वातावरण में चुनाव नहीं कराये गये । यह मेरी राय है । आप मुझ से मतभेद रख सकते हैं । इसलिए 1972 के चुनावों का जो आधार आप बता रहे हैं, मैं कहता हूँ कि यह विल्कुल निराधार बात है । 1972 के चुनावों में जम्मू और कश्मीर की जनता का जो सही मज है वह अभिव्यक्त नहीं हुआ था । यह मेरी राय है ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, दूसरी एक बात इस सदन को ध्यान में रखनी चाहिए । 1972 में जो विधान सभा चुनी गयी थी वह पांच साल के लिए चुनी गयी थी । आने वाले महीने से, एक व्यक्ति की गरीबी को बचाने के लिए, इस देश में संकटकाल की घोषणा की और संविधान की धाराओं का दुरुपयोग करके असेम्बलियों की मियाद को बढ़ाया, इस सदन की मियाद का बढ़ाया । आपने भीचिय और नैतिकता की बात की । मैं आपसे एक बात पूछना चाहता हूँ कि 25

जून, 1975 को किसी ने इस देश में संसद की शक्ति को बान की थी ? क्या कोई विद्रोह की स्थिति थी ? क्या लोकनायक जय प्रकाश नारायण या निरूपण तरोकी को मन से म्बोसार नहीं करने थे ? यह बात भी बड़ी गई कि लोकनायक जयप्रकाश नारायण सेना और पुलिस को उरमा रहे रेलवेजिन उन्होंने सिर्फ इतना ही कहा था सेना के सिपाहियों को, भ्रमरगो को पुलिस दल के सदस्यों को कि, गैर कानूनी और 'संघर्षात्मक' हुक्म को नहीं माना जाए । अगर केवल हुक्म को ही आधार लिया जाएगा तो हिटलर के आदेश पर जो अत्याचार किए गए मूल्यों को के आदेश पर जो अत्याचार किए गए थे धर्म्य मानने पड़ेंगे । इसलिए मैं आप से कहना चाहता हूँ कि लोक नायक जय प्रकाश नारायण ने सेना और पुलिस में विद्रोह फैलाने का कोई प्रयास नहीं किया । अगर संकटकाल का लगाना ही था तो गुजरात आन्दोलन जब चरम सीमा पर था तब लगाया होता और दस प्रतिशत आपकी बात सही है । ऐसा जनता कहती । बिहार आन्दोलन जब चरम सीमा पर था तीन चार, पांच भक्तपुर की और बिहार बन्द का आह्वान . .

MR. SPEAKER The time is limited and we can discuss it when we are discussing Bihar and other States later on That is a bigger issue. Please come to Kashmir

श्री मधु निमये : मैं यह इसलिए कह रहा हूँ कि संकटकाल से ही इस विधान सभा की मियाद को बढ़ाया गया । नहीं तो कर्ण सिंह जी को काम रोको प्रस्ताव रखने की छूट ही आप नहीं देने । मैं आप से नम्रतापूर्वक कहना चाहता हूँ कि जहाँ तब नैतिकता का सवाल है जम्मू कश्मीर की विधान सभा का कोई नैतिक आधार नहीं बचा था । वह टूट गई थी । उसको तो बैसे ही खत्म किया जाता मुख्य मंत्री को सलाह के बिना तो भी वह उचित होता, नैतिक होता । लेकिन उसकी बात मैं नहीं कह रहा हूँ ।

स्वयं कर्ण सिंह जी ने कहा है कि काश्मीर का अपन सविधान है । क्या है सविधान की धारा ? यह 35 (2) है जो अंग्रेजों ने है और इसको मैं धीरे धीरे पढ़े देता हूँ ।

'All functions of the Governor except those under sections 36 38 and 92 shall be exercised by him only on the advice of the Council of Ministers'

DR. KARAN SINGH Council of Ministers, not the Chief Minister

श्री मधु लिये मैं इसलिए कहता हूँ कि आपकी उम्र तब छोटी थी, आपने उस समय सविधान को नहीं पढ़ा था । अब दुबारा आपको इसको पढ़ना चाहिये । आपने जिस पर हस्ताक्षर किया उस में आपने सिर्फ कहा है । आपने हस्ताक्षर किए हैं मैंने नहीं किए हैं । मैं तो प्रतिपक्ष की राजनीति उन दिनों किया करता था । आपने हस्ताक्षर किए हैं । इस में लिखा हुआ है कि जिस मुख्य मंत्री के पीछे तीन लोग हैं, चार लोग हैं, पांच लोग हैं, सो लोग हैं, दो सौ लोग हैं, जहाँ तक डिसोल्युशन का सवाल है, विपटन का सवाल है वह तो मुख्य मंत्री की सलाह पर या प्रधान मंत्री की सलाह पर ही होता है । आप अगर मुझे बहस में ले जाना चाहते हैं तो मैं सिफारिश करता हूँ कि यह भाइवर जैनिंग की किताब है, कैबिनेट गवर्नमेंट इसको आप पढ़िये । मैं सदन का समय बरबाद नहीं करना चाहता क्योंकि यह कोई डिबेटिंग यूनिट नहीं है । हम जनता के प्रतिनिधि हैं और जनता की बात हम लोग बोलेंगे । यह कोई यूनिवर्सिटी की छात्र यूनिट नहीं है । मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि सदन को विपटित करने का अधिकार इंग्लैंड में हमें प्रधान मंत्री का ही रहता है । उसके बारे में अगर आप चाहते हैं तो मैं एक वाक्य पढ़े देता हूँ । मैं कोई टोटमरोड कर बातों को कहने का भावी नहीं हूँ ।

'During the last 100 years there is no instance of refusal of dissolution by the King when advised by the Cabinet'

हा भाई कैबिनेट है सेविन होता है सब प्रधान मंत्री के कहने पर । इन्दिरा जी भी आप को पूछती नहीं थीं, आप को इतिला देती थी । हमारे बाबू जगजीवन राम जी कहते हैं कि हम को इतिला दी जाती थी । सलाह नहीं की जाती थी । जिन मंत्रियों ने, जब सकटकाल की घोषणा की गई, कई नेताओं को गिरफ्तार किया गया तो उस के ऊपर सवेरे हा करने के प्रस्ताव और कुछ नहीं किया । कम से कम उन लोगों को कैबिनेट की बात नहीं करनी चाहिये वरना बड़ा मामला मुश्किल हो जायगा आप लोगों के लिये ।

'There has been nevertheless a persistent tradition that he could refuse if the necessary circumstances arose'

आगे वह कहते हैं :

'It is difficult to see what those circumstances would be'

और अब तब ऐसी स्थिति पैदा नहीं हुई कि जिसमें बहा की रानी ने या राज ने मंत्री की सलाह को ठुकराना उचित समझा हो । अगर इधर 50 साल में कोई उदाहरण दे सकते हैं आप तो दे दीजिये ।

मैं आप से यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि आप ने कहा कि यह बहुत भ्रमाधारण बात मालूम पड़ रही है कि जिस व्यक्ति को तीन व्यक्तियों का समर्थन है ऐसे मुख्य मंत्री की सलाह पर विधान सभा को बर्खास्त किया गया । सेविन में पूछता हूँ कि जब आप या बहुमत जम्मू कश्मीर में या तब आप को जरूरत पड़ा पड़ी इस व्यक्ति के पीछे आने की ?

डा० कर्ण सिंह - मैं समझता हूँ आप को ।

श्रीमधु लिमये नहीं समझाया। क्योंकि शेख अबदुल्ला समाधारण रयान रखने के कश्मीर की परिस्थिति में इसलिये रिपब्लिकन मे बहुमत पाने के बाद भी आप ने स्वयं महसूस किया कि कश्मीर की जनता आप के साथ नहीं है। ता कश्मीर का घोर भारत का जो रिश्ता है उस को सुदृढ़ करने लिये आप ने यह मुनासिब समझा कि शेख साहब के साथ बातचीत की जाय और उन के साथ समझौता किया जाय। उस समझौते के बारे में अगर किसी ने सदेह उत्पन्न किया था तो ऐसे व्यक्ति थे जो आज सरकार की बेंचों में हैं। लेकिन आप लोगों में से किसी ने भी यह सदेह नहीं प्रकट किया था। और आज शेख अबदुल्ला के बारे में आप जो बातें कह रहे हैं मैं पूछता हूँ कि क्या यह राष्ट्रीय हित में है?

प्रधान मंत्री ने उस समय चर्चा का समापन करते हुए क्या कहा है वह मैं बताना चाहता हूँ, हालांकि इन्दिरा जी को उद्धृत करना मैं उचित नहीं समझता हूँ, लेकिन वह प्रधान मंत्री श्री इसलिये बहसियत प्रधान मंत्री मैं उन को उद्धृत कर रहा हूँ, न कि इन्दिरा जी को। एक तो पहलू इन्दिरा जी ने यह कहा

"A distinctive constitutional feature in respect of Jammu and Kashmir is that it has its own Constitution supplementing the Union Constitution under specific provision in Article 370

आगे शेख अबदुल्ला के बारे में प्रधान मंत्री जी कहती हैं

"Even so he managed to look dignified and every inch a leader. He was attracted to the message of the national freedom civil liberties and religious equality which our national movement propagated and these became the guidelines of

his own National Conference which mobilised the people of Kashmir"

यह चूँकि शेख साहब का स्थान कश्मीर की संविधान में था इसीलिये प्रधान मंत्री ने उचित समझा उन के साथ बातचीत करना और हमने मुनासिब समझा कि इस में आप का समर्थन करें। आप न जब कश्मीर में समाधारण स्थिति पैदा की कि तीन व्यक्तियों का समर्थन जिस व्यक्ति को प्राप्त था ऐसे भादमी को आप ने मुख्य मंत्री बनाया। अब आप यह कहते हैं। तो इस में माफ़ होता है कि शेख अबदुल्ला का यह सदेह ठीक था कि आप उन को अपने बहुमत में फासकर उनको गुलाम बनाना चाहते थे और उन को स्वतंत्र बुद्धि में कश्मीर की सरकार चलाने नहीं देना चाहते थे।

मैंने यह भी मुना है कि सबत कार में बहुत गारे काम करने के लिये उन पर दबाव डाला गया। वह तो गिरफ्तार करने के नियत तैयार नहीं थे। आज मैं शेख अबदुल्ला को बधाई देना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने जल्द में जल्द धार० एम० एस०, जमायने इस्लामी और विपक्ष के नागा का छोड़ा। मैं जेल में उनको पत्र लिखा था, मुझे पता नहीं कि वह पत्र उनके पास पहुँचाया गया था नहीं? मैंने शेख साहब का पत्र में कहा था कि मुझे बड़ी खुशी है कि आप पूरी बात तो अपने दिल की नहीं कर सके, लेकिन कम-से-कम रिहाई के मामले में आप धरमर रहे हैं। इसी प्रकार लोकतन्त्र की रण भाषको भविष्य में भी करनी चाहिये।

इन्दिरा मैं दूर करूँ, चाहता हूँ कि समाधारण व्यक्ति समाधारण इस स मुन्सुबवा बनाया गया। यह ठीक-ठीक पहलू मावला चाहिये था कि 3 व्यक्ति उनके पीछे हैं। हाँ सचता है कि 3 सदस्य उनके पीछे थे, लेकिन

काश्मीर धर्मो की अधिकांश जनता शेष
माहव के पीछे थी, यह मैं कहना चाहता हूँ।
यह मित्र हागा।

आप पूछेंगे कि जब मुख्यमंत्री की गवाह
पर प्रश्नोत्तरों को विघटित किया गया तो
यामनव ने गवाह यह उटना चाहिये कि
प्रश्नोत्तरों को विघटित करने के बाद मुख्य-
मंत्री को मुख्यमंत्री पद से क्यों हटाया गया ?
मैं तो यह गवाह उपस्थित करने जा रहा हूँ
लेकिन उनमें हमारी लाचारी है। इंग्लैंड में
जब सदन का विघटित किया जाता है तो
वेयरटैकर पांडम प्रिनिम्टर रह जाता है।
इसलिये चुनाव की घोषणा होने के बाद आपने
जा परिस्थिति हमारे सामने पेश की है कि
चुनाव के दरम्यान कर्मचारियों का वोट
हासिल करने के लिये महंगाई भत्ते की घोषणा
करना, मजदूरों के लिये बेतन वृद्धि की घोषणा
करना, किसी धर्म के मतदाताओं का समर्थन
प्राप्त करने के लिये किसी प्रकार की घोषणा
करना, यह तो गोरखप्रथा आप करते आये हैं, लेकिन
मेरी राय में जब चुनाव की घोषणा होती है,
उसके बाद इस तरह का काम किसी भी सरकार
को नहीं करना चाहिये और केवल अन्तरिम
सरकार, वेयरटैकर गवर्नमेंट के तहत वह
काम करती। यह काश्मीर में क्यों संभव नहीं
हुआ ? अब मैं बहुत उदाहरण देने लगगा तो
अध्यक्ष महोदय टोकेंगे कि बहुत समय नहीं है,
लेकिन मैं उदाहरण के तौर पर बोल रहा हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं यह कहने जा रहा था
कि वास्तव में शेष अक्टूबरा को रहने देना
चाहिए था मुख्यमंत्री, लेकिन क्यों नहीं रहने
दिया गया ? हमारी लाचारी थी क्योंकि
। अप्रैल, के पहले हमको बजट पास करना
था। केन्द्र में बजट पास करने के लिये बिल्कुल
यह राय भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री को दी गई थी
कि लोक सभा में अगर सदस्य स्थिति रहती
हो तो, मैंने यह सुना था कि प्रधान मंत्री राष्ट्रपति
को यह सलाह देने वाली है कि लोक-सभा को
विघटित करो और फिर से चुनाव कराओ
और अध्यादेश के जरिये बजट पास करो।
लेकिन जहाँ तक मैं समझ पाया हूँ कि केवल

साधारण विधेयक अध्यादेश के जरिये पास
होता है कोई भी वित्तीय विधेयक या वित्तीय
विधेयक इस तरह अध्यादेश के जरिये पास
करना संविधान का भाग खिलवाड़ करना है।
लेकिन मान भी लीजिये कि वित्तीय विधेयक
अध्यादेश के जरिये पास किया जा सकता है
मगर अनुदान की मांग का क्या होगा ? हमारी
धारा 113 में लिखा है कि लोक सभा के द्वारा
अनुदान मांग के समर्थन के बिना आप
अप्रोप्रियेशन बिल पास ही नहीं कर सकते,
तो प्रश्नोत्तरों के बिना हम क्या करते। प्रश्नोत्तरों
होती ही चाहिये नहीं तो अनुदान की मांग
कैसे पारित करते ? यह स्थिति उत्पन्न हुई,
इसीलिये बड़ा राज्यपाल को कहा गया कि
मामला राष्ट्रपति की सलाह से उनका
अनुमान लेकर तय कीजिये। राष्ट्रपति ने
अनुमति दी कि वर्तमान स्थिति में और कोई
चारा नहीं है, यह बजट का मामला इस
सदन में आये, काश्मीर संविधान के खंड 92
के तहत मुलटाया जाय इसलिये वहाँ पर राज्य
का शासन लागू किया गया है।

आपको मैं आश्वासन देना चाहता हूँ
कि हमारा इरादा यह नहीं है कि देश तक यह
चुनाव न कराये जायें, 6 महीने के अन्दर चुनाव
करना लाजमी है काश्मीर में। मुझे तो कोई
अधिकार नहीं है, मैं एक साधारण सदस्य
के तौर पर बोल रहा हूँ, लेकिन मुझे पूरा विश्वास
है कि जल्द से जल्द हमारी सरकार चुनाव
कराने का प्रयास करेगी और उस समय यह
कैसेला होगा कि नैतिकता, औचित्य और लोक-
तन्त्र का प्रेम किस को है, जनता किस के साथ
है। आप इस चुनौती को चुनाव के क्षेत्र में
स्वीकारियेगा। यहाँ इस तरह की बात
से कोई नतीजा निकलने वाला नहीं है।

इसलिये सारे सदन में मेरी अपील है
कि स्थगन प्रस्ताव को ठुकरा दिया जायें।

SHRI C M STEPHEN (Idukai).
Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are two addi-
tional points that I want to make
The copy of the proclamation that

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was laid on the Table of the House shows that the proclamation was issued under Article 92 of the Jammu and Kashmir Constitution. Now this 92 corresponds to Article 356 of our Constitution. Our Constitution was made applicable to Jammu and Kashmir by the 1954 Order of the President issued under Article 370 of the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order 1954 is before us. And that order says:

"The provisions of the Constitution (as in force on the 20th day of June 1964), and as amended by the Constitution shall apply in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir and the exceptions and modifications subject to which they shall so apply shall be as follows:

The point I am making is, of course for Jammu and Kashmir there is a Constitution. That was the case upto 1954. In 1954 under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution the present order was promulgated on Jammu and Kashmir. Therefore subject to the narration in this order, the entire Constitution of India applies to Jammu and Kashmir. And Article 13 of that Application Order makes Article 356 applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. There are certain articles which are exempted. Article 356 is made applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. This is what it says:

"In clause (1) of article 356 references to provisions or provision of this Constitution shall, in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, be construed as including references to provisions or provision of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir."

Under Article 92, sub article 2 it is stated that certain modifications may be made under the Jammu and Kashmir Constitution. That power is also taken under Article 356. What is the difference between Article 356 of the Indian Constitution and Article 92 of the Jammu and Kashmir Constitution? Whereas Article 356 of the

Indian Constitution, sub-clause (b) of clause 1 says 'declare that the powers of the Legislature of the State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament', this is omitted under Article 92 of the Jammu & Kashmir Constitution. The result is that under the Jammu & Kashmir Constitution the legislative power, the budgetary power, all powers are vested in the officer who takes over the administration whereas under our Constitution the power is vested in the Parliament of India. By applying this Article 356 to Jammu and Kashmir, this Parliament has taken over power under the emergency provisions to legislate even in the same manner as in the case of Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and other States which are under President's Rule. My first question is this. When Article 356 is applicable to Jammu and Kashmir this Parliament has got the power to legislate for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, grant budgetary grants and everything for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, why is it that the Government of India advised the President to sanction proclamation of Order under Article 92?

That is a very grave and important question, on which I would ask for elucidation, because we want Kashmir to be part of the entire India. Kashmir is a part of the entire India. Kashmir has come into the national main stream of India. In order to make it so this promulgation order was passed. We could take the entire power. Why was Article 92 preserved, when article 356 is available? Why is the officer or the bureaucrats given all the powers when you have got the power to take over legislative functions and everything? This is important, particularly with respect to a State like Kashmir on this a clarification is called for. I submit that whereas under the Presidential Order, Article 356 is applicable nullifying thereby Article 92 i.e. making it inoperative the order passed under Article 92 by passing an order to be passed under Article 356 as per the application order of the President, this order passed by the Governor with

the consent of the President of India is absolutely null and void. This is my first point.

My second point is that the Government of India have got to explain to this House why they preferred Article 92 to Article 356 and why they preferred Mr Jha to legislate vis-à-vis the Parliament of India doing it. Again Mr Madhu Lamsaye said that when an advice is given it has got to be accepted. Let us look at Article 35. It says that all the functions of the Governor except certain things shall be exercised by him only on the advice of the Council of Ministers. May I submit that the law with respect to the dissolution of Parliament has now been spelt out? I will read out an authority where it is spelt out as to what exactly is meant by convention and what exactly the rules are. I do not want to read all the rules. I would read only this.

The Crown may under certain circumstances, refuse a dissolution to a minority government whether defeated or undefeated provided an alternative government is possible and able to carry on with the existing House.

This is a Cambridge University publication and accepted as an authority in the constitutional law. It sums up the law on the matter in these terms: "most constitutional lawyers seem to support the idea that in a divided House particularly with a multi party system a minority government whether defeated or undefeated is not entitled to a dissolution if an alternative government is possible and furthermore it is capable of carrying on with the existing House." Therefore I submit that the law with respect to the constitutional conventions are these. The Crown has got the authority to dissolve. This is number one. Secondly the Crown can dissolve on the advice of the Prime Minister. Thirdly the Crown can dissolve on the advice of the Council of Ministers. Fourthly the Crown can refuse the dissolution if an alternative government is possible.

What the Jammu and Kashmir constitution has done is that it has vetoed the proposition that the Prime Minister can advise and that a dissolution can be on the basis of the Prime Minister's advice. This has been a contented proposition and the settled law is that the Prime Minister as distinct from the Council of Ministers can advise. But the Jammu and Kashmir constitution says not the Prime Minister but the Council of Ministers. Secondly it is stated that the arbitrary power of the Crown to dissolve without the advice of the Prime Minister or the Council of Ministers is taken away. Thirdly the point is that by the use of the word may in the subsequent clause the power to refuse is preserved. That is the convention by giving the authority to refuse if an alternative government is possible. That is preserved by the constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. If so the first question I would like to raise is this. Did you apply your mind as to whether this advice was given by Mr Sheikh Abdullah or by the Council of Ministers? The news is that Mr Sheikh Abdullah arrived here on the 24th and he was here on the 25th and 26th. Six of the Council of Ministers had resigned. Their resignation was not accepted.

Therefore they were the Council of Ministers. So this question has to be gone into whether the Council of Ministers met, whether the Council of Ministers have recommended or whether this recommendation was by the Chief Minister. Even going by article 35 of the Jammu and Kashmir constitution a recommendation by the Chief Minister shall not be accepted. It is only a recommendation by the Council of Ministers that shall be accepted. I would like to get the report to see as to what exactly the position is. If the advice is only by Shri Sheikh Abdullah, it is absolutely without legal basis.

Then even if it is by the Council of Ministers it is understood that an alternative Government is possible. When an alternative Government is

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possible I do not know how this section 92 or article 356 applies. Section 92 applies only when the government of the State cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution only when the Governor is satisfied that the government of the State cannot be carried on in accordance with the Constitution it is only then he has got the jurisdiction to dissolve the Legislative Assembly. But the factual position is that the government could be carried on because it is not disputed that there was an alternative party which was prepared to take over and run the administration. Therefore even if section 92 would apply even if article 356 would apply the basic question is whether the government could or could not be carried on. There was no break down of the Constitution. Therefore there was no justification for an officer to take over the powers which remain vested in the Legislative Assembly.

One more quotation from the same book. It says

'Dissolution of Parliament is in this country one of the prerogatives of the Crown. It is not a mere feudal survival, but it is a part, and I think a useful part of our constitutional system. It does not mean that the Crown should act arbitrarily and without the advice of responsible Ministers, but it does not mean that the Crown is not bound to take the advice of a particular minister to put its subjects to the tumult and turmoil of a series of General Elections so long as it can find other Ministers who are prepared to give contrary advice. The notion that a Ministry which cannot command a majority in the House of Commons, a Ministry in a minority of 31 per cent in these circumstances is invested with the right to demand a dissolution is as subversive of constitutional usage as it would in my opinion be pernicious to the general and paramount interest of the Nation at usage.'

My submission therefore is this is a dangerous constitutional precedent that you have set up. An alternative government is possible the advice has been given not by the proper person. article 356 was by-passed. Parliament kept away from the whole thing. Parliament is not given the power to legislate for the people of the country and an officer was given all the powers as if Jammu and Kashmir forms a separate country altogether, which has nothing to do with us, as if it is not a part of the national mainstream. This speaks ill of a government which is headed by Shri Morarji Desai. That is all what I have got to say.

I do not want to controvert all the allegations made by Shri Limaye. That can be done in a different forum altogether. But it was unfortunate that Shri Limaye made the observation that elections in Jammu and Kashmir were rigged. Let him remember that the top persons who now guide the administration on the other side they were part of the Government of India they were the guiding fathers in the Government of India, when the elections in Jammu and Kashmir were taking place. It is absolutely against the national interest that on the floor of the Parliament of India we should make a statement that whatever elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir from 1947 onwards were all rigged. By this statement we are giving grist to the mill or international anti-Indian propaganda, which will give a good handle to Pakistan. I am sorry this statement was made. I firmly repudiate this statement. That is all what I have to say.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE (Bangalore South) Mr Speaker Sir I am extremely happy that the Congress Party has developed faith in democratic norms. But the bona fides of this claim have still to be examined in the days to come to know whether it is only a political stunt or whether they really believe in democracy. Be-

cause the last 20 months rule of the Congress Party has demonstrated completely that it has absolutely no faith in democracy Every democratic institution in the country has been damaged every organ of the State has been either damaged or partly destroyed

18 00 hrs

Coming to the imposition of Governors rule in Jammu and Kashmir the Congress Party will remember what it did in Tamil Nadu I am not here to consider whether the Tamil Nadu Government was a good or a bad government but it was not for the Central Government to decide whether it was good or a bad government it was for the people of the State to decide whether it was good or bad

SOME HON MEMBERS And they have decided

SHRI K. S. HEDGE The Members of the Congress Party say that they have decided If they have decided, the people of India have also decided that the Congress Party was a corrupt party

DR HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) Was the election in Tamil Nadu also rigged?

SHRI K. S. HEDGE I do not know you are in a better position to speak about it

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (Thiruchirappalli) On a point of order We are now discussing the Kashmir situation and not Tamil Nadu Is it in order for the hon Member to compare Tamil Nadu with Kashmir?

MR. SPEAKER There is no point of order Both are parts of India and they can be compared

SHRI K. S. HEGDE He seems to be very touchy when I refer to the democracy of the Congress Party supported by the CPI earlier

Let us now consider the question from the political as well as constitutional points of view So far as the first is concerned, there was a political agreement between Sheikh Abdullah and the Prime Minister of India Under that agreement the Congress Party agreed to hand over the reins of power to Sheikh Abdullah It was an agreement entered into, though not permanently but at least for the duration of the Assembly's life Sheikh Abdullah appears to have made several attempts to hold local board elections but the Congress Party persistently stood in his way because they were afraid of facing the people They did not want an election at all

I am not going into the question whether the elections in 1972 were rigged or not but there is no doubt that there were complaints They may have been true or not but the fact remains that there were complaints and therefore the genuineness of the elections was an open issue.

Let us examine it from the constitutional point of view What was the basis on which the Congress Party made over the power to Sheikh Abdullah and his Party? Congress members were the elected representatives It was their duty to carry on the Government if they were the real representatives of the people Under the Constitution of India as well as under the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir it is the representatives of the people who must govern the State not anybody and everybody If the Congress Party really represented the people if the Congress Party believed that they represented the people, they could not have handed over power to Sheikh Abdullah It was not a property right or a transferable right What is the necessary implication arising from their handing over the reins of government to Sheikh Abdullah and his party? It is that they have recognised Sheikh Abdullah as

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the real leader of Kashmir and his party as the real representatives of the people of Kashmir. Having done that they have no right now to say that they will again take over the government.

Can you show me one constitutional provision or legal provision under which an elected party can hand over the power to any other party?

(Interruptions)

SHRI C M STEPHEN rose—

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER I do not allow like this. You are a senior Member of the House. Anybody can do it. We will be helpless.

(Interruptions)

SHRI K. S. HEGDE It shows that that party is the real party of the representatives of the people of Kashmir. What happened? The term of the Legislature was for five years. The Congress government at the Centre declared emergency, imprisoned people, extended the life of the Legislature and thereafter the Congress party in Kashmir withdrew its support, extended to Sheikh Abdullah. The real question to decide is whether Sheikh Abdullah when he demanded the dissolution of the House was voicing the opinions of the people or not? There is one established convention about it. When the Prime Minister asks the Head of the State to dissolve the Legislature and if the Head of the State comes to the conclusion that the demand is supported by public opinion, then it is the duty of the Head of the State to dissolve the Legislature.

Mr Speaker, you will remember what has happened recently in Australia. The Governor General of Australia dissolved the Legislature. In Australia the Labour Party was in majority in the Lower House. The Governor General opined that the majority in the Legislature did not represent the majority in the country.

Similarly, the Government of Kashmir has evidently come to the conclusion that the Congress majority in the Legislature does not represent the majority of the people in the state. It was open to him to come to that conclusion. I do not know why the Congress Members are very touchy in facing the elections. I know they probably know, what the result will be and that is why, they are not willing to face elections. I am quite confident that elections will be held there very soon and the democratic process will again be restored. Then you will find the free representatives of the people there governing the State. Under these circumstances, I support the action of the Governor and oppose the adjournment motion as it has no substance.

SHRI ABDUL AHED VAKIL (Paramulla) Mr Speaker Sir, the controversy raised by the Congress Members about the imposition of President's Rule in Kashmir is to be looked in the background of Article 317 of the Constitution of India wherein the special constitutional position has been given to Kashmir. According to the Constitution of Kashmir, it is the Chief Minister concerned who advises the Governor on the functioning of the Government and whether it functions according to the law of the Constitution or not.

Now the whole episode is to be looked into from the background which is totally political. When Sheikh Abdullah was installed in power that was the consequence of an agreement between the Congress party and the National Conference in consequence of which the then Chief Minister of Kashmir stepped down and Sheikh Abdullah was restored to Chief Ministership of Kashmir. I would like to know first, whether the suppression of the rights of the people of Kashmir is murder of democracy or restoration of democracy. Our friends here have said that it is murder of democracy. I say it is restoration of democracy in Kashmir.

After a very long time, the people of Kashmir have been given an opportunity to send their real representatives to the Assembly. The Congress has also got an open field to field their candidates to fight elections and measure the strength if any they have.

I am very confident and I repeat with full confidence that the reverses in the whole of India alerted the Congress people in Kashmir to take event from Sheikh Abdullah by saying that they withdraw the support or they do not want to give any further support to him. What do they say to the statement of their own Congress General Secretary who says "Most of the Members side with me and we do not want to withdraw the support to Sheikh Abdullah"? The Congress in Kashmir is itself a divided house. In the circumstances when the Congress party having a majority in the Legislative Assembly was divided against itself when the machinery of the Government could not be run. Sheikh Abdullah who according to them is the accredited leader of the people of Kashmir advised rightly to the Governor that, under these circumstances it was not possible for the Government to function in accordance with the Constitution in accordance with the law and the political atmosphere that had developed through the misdeeds of the other side that the Assembly should be dissolved and therefore, the elections be held so that the people of Kashmir get a chance, after a very long time to elect their own real representatives to the Assembly.

I do not want to spell out that stifling atmosphere created in the last 20 months in Kashmir. I do not want this opportunity to be taken for narrating the atmosphere which was built deliberately for the suppression of the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir State. The action taken by the Governor and supported by the Central Government

is absolutely constitutional and right and the people of Kashmir, as the information goes are solidly behind it. They have hailed the decision of the Government. Therefore, I say that the President's Rule imposed in Kashmir is a right decision and it has come at a right time.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) Mr Speaker Sir it is good to see that you have readily admitted this adjournment motion because as I gather from 25th June 1975 all the windows and ventilators even were closed. Previously we had seen the ruling party trying to seek shelter under the table of the Speaker. Well that has not happened in this case.

The adjournment motion betrays Congress fear to face the people. What is sauce for the gander is not sauce for the goose. That is revealed very clearly. What does the Constitution say? It was signed by the mover of the adjournment motion himself. Whether he was mature or not is a matter for me to question. If the people wanted to amend the Constitution they could change it. That is different. But according to the Constitution the procedure followed by the Governor was the only course left to him. I want to be enlightened by the non-mover Dr Karan Singh the erstwhile Minister of Nusbandi. How does the question of censoring the present Government arise? I would like to be educated on that. According to the Constitution which he had signed—I do not know whether he has read it. Mr Madhu Limaye has correctly pointed out—in article 35(2), it clearly says

"All functions of the Sadr-i-Riyasat except those under sections 38, 38 and 92 shall be exercised by him only."

Mark the word only.

"...only on the advice of the Council of Ministers."

[Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu]

Coming to 53(2)(b), it says clearly

"The Sadar-i-Riyasat may from time to time dissolve the Legislative Assembly

I would like to be educated as to where the lapse is, how you propose to censure the Government and for what lapse. This Adjournment Motion is a censure motion. Therefore, we would like to be enlightened where you have discovered the lapse on the part of the present Government sitting opposite to you.

Of course if you look into the recent past or even the past, you would see that the Congress Party sitting on my right where the cushion hurts them I, know, has been the topple masters and mistresses. This has come in their mouth in 1959 'Samara Vimochanam' in Kerala. We know how it was done. We know who was the President of the Indian National Congress at that time, now gone into oblivion in 1, Safdarjang Road. We know what they did in 1967. In West Bengal, Mr Dharma Vira did a wonderful job of toppling. But we went back to the people in 1969 and as against 44 seats, got 88 seats. Again in 1971, there was a total of 135 seats and our Party alone if I remember correctly, had 117 seats. In spite of that the Leader of the Party was not called to form the Government. Therefore I would say, 'Doctor, heal thyself'. What did they do in Tamil Nadu I would like to know.

MR. SPEAKER Tamil Nadu can be taken up on some other day.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Let us see how pious are they in their minds. Take the Anti Defection Bill, 1973. The Chairman of that Committee is sitting here. From 1973 to 1976, there have been seven extensions. If defection is in their favour, it is very good, but if it is against them then it is very bad. Mrs Indira Gandhi the erstwhile Prime Minister, thrown into the waste paper basket by the people

of this country, has said that it is very bad because in Kashmir, the Congressmen had defected to the Opposition. But when it happened elsewhere, defection to the Congress Party, it was very good. I want to find out from my friends in the Congress Party why they are frightened to face the people. It is because there are two things. Firstly, they know that the people would throw them into the Bay of Bengal or the Indian Ocean, and secondly, I know, it is certain that the money bags are not coming forward this time to help them.

Mr Dogra, the Congress leader in Jammu and Kashmir, came out saying that the decision 'is politically wrong'. I understand, it is politically inconvenient. It is not 'wrong', it is politically inconvenient. What did they do? Even local body elections, they were frightened to face. That is why they went and caught the feet of Sheikh Saheb and said, 'Please save us from this debacle, otherwise the whole country will be influenced by them'. So, even the local body elections had to be postponed. The fact of the case here is that the Congress Party started withdrawing the support when they came to know that Sheikh Saheb had decided to go to the polls to seek the people's mandate. I will quote from Mr K. K. Birla, a great friend of the Congress Party, from the Hindustan Times, dated the 26th March, 1977, it says

"According to reliable sources, the Congress Party decided to withdraw support to Sheikh Abdullah after coming to know that the Chief Minister was thinking of dissolving the Assembly and ordering fresh elections."

That was the fire alarm, and the moment it came, they tried to run away through the fire escape. That is simple. I know it very well. The whole trouble was there. To Mr Abdullah our friend, Syed Mir Qasim, who must be hearing us, always gave a good certificate. I am quoting from a

paper owned and controlled by the Congress Party, 'National Herald', February 25 1977 It says

"In a statement Mr Qasir assured Mr Sheikh Abdullah of full reciprocation. The understanding between the two parties was based on certain fundamental and shared ideals."

Suddenly Mr Abdullah when he refused to oblige them when he refused to become a stooge and when he refused to become their henchman—he is too big for the Congressmen to be swallowed—became a bad man and it is for the House to decide. There was no no-confidence motion against Sheikh Abdullah on the floor of the House. We do not go by the pep talks and the bazar gossip. Was there any no-confidence motion tabled on the floor of the House? It is because he decided to go to the polls immediately they thought that the fire was coming, the plague was coming and we have to run away and quickly withdraw the support and topple it. But that did not work. Mr Abdullah is a seasoned politician and suffered long imprisonment at the hands of these people.

I say people's demand has been to do away with the Congress government and they wanted fresh polls. I would say the Kashmir University, the Regional Engineering College and even many many Youth Congress leaders had sought the dissolution of the present Assembly and seeking a fresh mandate from the people. Therefore under the circumstances these crocodile tears that they are saving democracy—we have seen enough of it and in the whole world we had a tarnished image in the last 20 months. So Sir, I oppose this adjournment motion which should be thrown into the waste paper basket.

श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरैशी (अनतनाम)

श्रीवर साहब, मुझे अपने सार्वभौमिक अधिकारों की तकरीर गुनने के बाद इस बात का पूरा एतमाद हो चुका है कि तकरीर तो बहुत अच्छी है, लेकिन

उन में न जान थी और न मवाद थी। हमारे दाम्न मधु लिमये जी ने बड़ी अच्छी तकरीर शुरू की लेकिन वह चन्द उन बातों का जवाब नहीं दे पाये जो डाक्टर साहब ने अपने प्रोपनिग रिमाक्स में उठायी थी। सवाल यह नहीं है कि कश्मीर में क्या होगा, क्या नहीं होगा। सवाल यह है कि जो शेख साहब से हमने ऐकाई किया था उस व पीछे कौन सा हमारा नज़रिया था? कांग्रेस ने 1972 में सरकार बनायी और आज यह कहना कि वह इलेक्शन जीत नहीं थे यह इल्जाम तो तब भी लगा जब 1951 में शेख साहब ने इलेक्शन कराये थे। तब भी लोगोंने कहा कि इलेक्शन जीते नहीं थे। उस समय यह बात पाकिस्तान कहता था। उस के बाद जब भी चुनाव हुए पाकिस्तान और उस की लीवी हमेशा यह कहती आयी है कि कश्मीर में कोई भी चुनाव आजादाना नहीं हुआ है। मुझे अकसोस इस बात का है कि इस ऐवान में भी आज इस किस्म की बातें उठ रही हैं। हानाकि 1972 के चुनाव में जनसभ लड़ी और उन के दो मेम्बर जीते, श्री० एल० डी० लडो और उनके भी दो मेम्बर जीते, जमायते इस्लाम लडो और उस के भी पांच मेम्बर जीते। क्या यह सब जनता की मर्जी के बिना पर हुआ?

अब शेख साहब ने यह देखा कि दुनिया के हालात बदल रहे हैं, बागला देश एक ऐसी मिसाल हमारे लिये कायम हो गई जिस में यह साबित कर दिया कि मजहब के नाम पर कोई हुकूमन झुट्टा नहीं रह सकती, कश्मीर के लोगों को इस बात की हमेशा यह गिज़ा छिलनी गई क्यों कि पाकिस्तान में मुसलमानों की अक्सरियन है इसलिये कश्मीर के मुसलमानों का इल्हाक कश्मीर स्टेट का इल्हाक पाकिस्तान से होना चाहिए। उस वक्त हमने इस ध्यारी को रिजेक्ट किया कि नहीं यह मामूलीकर्म है, मजहब की बिना पर कोई रिया त किसी दूसरी रियासत से ऐक्मीड नहीं कर सकती। बागलादेश ने इस हकीकत को बाज़े कर दिया कि मुसलमान

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होत हुए भी बंगलादेश गणतंत्र बांग्लादेशी जनगण हो गये पाकिस्तान से और अपनी दुश्मन उन्होंने भलग कायम की। शेष साहब ने तबारीख से भवक सीखा है, किसी को पदान की जरूरत नहीं है।

तारीख ने उनको बताया कि जिन गमते पर वह चल रहे हैं, वह रास्ता सही नहीं है। अब मवान शेख साहब ने खुद किया कि अगर आप मुझे हिन्दुस्तान की मिनिस्ट्री में लाना चाहते हैं तो मुझे यह साधन दिये जायें जिनमें मैं जनता की खिदमत करूँ। साधन वही जिस दुश्मन की उनका तलाश थी। वह दुश्मन हम उनको दे भी सकते थे और नहीं भी दे सकते थे। लेकिन कौम और देश के हित में हमने सोचा कि कांग्रेस पार्टी का बहुमत है, वहाँ पर हमारे 47 मेम्बर हैं, अगर शेख साहब मिनिस्ट्री में आते हैं और कांग्रेस को ताकत छोड़नी पड़ती है तो छोड़ दे, क्योंकि यह हमारा उलूख रहा है कि व्यक्ति कोई चीज नहीं है, व्यक्ति से बढ़कर . . (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं यह कहता हूँ कि अगर कांग्रेस पार्टी का मुल्क, जमात और व्यक्ति के दरम्यान किसी को चुन। पड़े तो कांग्रेस पार्टी सबसे पहले मुल्क का चुनेगी, जमात की परवाह नहीं करेगी। यह हमन साबित कर दिया है जम्मू-काश्मीर में नेशनल कांग्रेस की असेम्बली में अकस्मिकता से लखन देश के हित की खातिर हमन एक बड़ी बात की कि हम अपनी ताकत को छोड़ते हैं और शेख साहब का चीफ मिनिस्टर बनाते हैं। शेख साहब के लिये प्राबलम यह थी कि वे असेम्बली में मेम्बर नहीं थे। हमारे दो मेम्बरों ने इम्नीफे दिये और उनकी जगह पर शेख साहब और अफ़जलबेग साहब को मेम्बर बनाया। उस समय वजूहान कुछ ऐसा थे, हम चाहते थे कि फिरापरस्त तारिके काश्मीर में सर न उठावें, लोगों को अच्छा एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन मिले। लोगों का मालूम था कि उनके नाम पर डेवलपमेंट होगा, लेकिन

हमने देखा कि तमाम चीजें मुमकिन नहीं हो रही हैं, तो कांग्रेस ने साफ़ यह दिया कि कांग्रेस पार्टी सपोर्ट नहीं दे सकती। उसका लाइम नतीजा यह निश्चलता था कि अगर उनकी ज़रूरत सरकार चलाने की नहीं थी तो उनको चाहिये था कि कांग्रेस ने उनको ताकत बढ़ा दी थी, कांग्रेस की ही उन्हें ताकत वापिस करनी चाहिये थी, बजाय इसके कि उन्होंने गवर्नर को खत लिखकर डिमिशनशन किया। फ़ाइन में हिमायत से उनकी कोई जगह नहीं है।

अब पार्लियामेंट के जो इलेक्शन हुए, उसमें शेख साहब और हमारे दरम्यान यह सनझौता हुआ कि 3 सीटें वह लेंगे, और 3 सीटें हम लेंगे। कुल 6 सीटें वहाँ की हैं। शेख साहब ने एक सीट हारी, कांग्रेस ने दोनों की दाना जीती। इसका मतलब यह है कि जम्मू-काश्मीर में कांग्रेस जिन्दा जमात है और शेख साहब कुछ नहीं है। आप ही की जगह उनको हराकर भाई है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने बाई ऐसी बात नहीं कही जो कि झालरेडी करी गई हो। मैं वहाँ पर रिपेडेशन नहीं करना चाहता। साफ़ तौर पर यह बात कहना चाहता हूँ कि उस तरफ़ के एक व्यक्ति ने शेख साहब के बंडेडेट का वहाँ पर हराया है। कांग्रेस ने दोनों की दोनों सीटें जीती हैं। मुझे उमीद है कि लड़ाई की एक सीट बाकी है, उस पर भी कांग्रेस यम्पन मैजोरिटी से जीतेगी।

सवाल इस बात का है कि जब यह कहा जाता है कि वाउसिल आफ़ मिनिस्टर्स, इसमें बयान कर दिया है कि —

"There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister as the Head to aid and advise the Governor in exercise of the functions. All functions of the Governor except these in Sections 36, 38, 92 shall be exercised by him on y on the advice of the Council of Ministers"

जैसा मण जो न श्रीर हमारे साथी थो स्टोपेन ने कहा कि वाकी जगह। पर प्राइम मिनिस्टर को राइट है, अगर व मैजोरिटी वोट्स कर। हो ता। डिप्लूजेशन की एडवाइ कर सकता है। लेकिन जम्मू काश्मीर के आर्देन म यह बात माफ है कि एडवाइस हाती चाहिये वाउंसिल आफ मिनिस्टर्स को। रास्टाटपूशन के जिन दफा के तहत गवर्नर ने यह स्टैंड लिया है उसमें यह प्रावाइड है —

If at any time the Governor is satisfied

उसकी सैटिस्फैक्शन होनी चाहिये, सबवेकटू सैटिस्फैक्शन। उसकी सैटिस्फैक्शन तभी होगी जब कि उस एडवाइस दगी वाउंसिल आफ मिनिस्टर्स।

Here is the proclamation issued by the Governor. It does not contain even a single sentence indicating whether he did it at the advice of the Council of Ministers?

'Whereas I L K Jha,

(एल० के० जे० से "लहाख जम्मोर और मू व बन सकता है)

Governor of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, am satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the Government of the State cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir (hereinafter referred to as 'The State Constitution')

Now, therefore, "

It has not mentioned a single word about the advice he got from the Council of Ministers

काश्मीर में अनसरटेन्टी और बेइश्वीनानी को खत्म कर दिया गया था। जनता सरकार की पहली देन यह है कि उस ने काश्मीर में फिर वही हालत पैदा कर दिए हैं। इलैक्शन के सिलसिले में मैंने जयह-जगह तरीक़ों में कहा था कि जब यह सरकार ताकत में आएगी तो उस के

हाथों में काश्मीरियों की रीत, अस्मत् और इज्जत महफूज नहीं रहे सबेगी। सामने के माननीय सदस्य इस को पार्टी का मसला बना कर भाग से खेल रहे हैं। यह एक नेशनल प्राब्लम है, एक कौमी मसला है।

इस सरकार ने काश्मीर के लोगों के विश्वास पर एक बारी जरब लगाई है, उसने डेमोक्रेसी का कत्ल किया है और यह साबित कर दिया है कि वह काश्मीर के लोगों को खैररब्बाह नहीं है। (व्यवधान) अगर कोई शक्स यह कहे कि शेख अब्दुल्ला काश्मीर के वाहिद लीडर हैं, ता मैं कहना चाहता हू कि अब्दुल्ला में ये खबरे आ रही हैं— आज तो अब्दुल्ला पर सेन्सर नहीं है —कि तमाम वादी में शेख अब्दुल्ला के खिलाफ डिमार्स्ट्रेशन हो रहे हैं। जिस तरीके से उन्होंने अपनी बीबी और एक दूसरे साथी का इन्तजाम कराया है, उस से डेमोक्रेसी की गर्दन शर्म से झुक जाती है। आपोजीशन के कंडीडेट का बोलने का मौका नहीं दिया गया, उस को जीप जला दी गई शिया-मुल्ली फसाद कराया गया और किर्वापरस्ती को हुवा दी गई। हम ये बातें नहीं कहना चाहते थे, लेकिन इस सरकार ने एक ऐसा दरवाजा खोल दिया है कि हम ये बातें कहने के लिए मजबूर हैं।

इस मुल्क की कोई भी स्टेट जब प्रीजेंट्स का के मातहत आ जाती है, तो उस का ट पार्लियामेंट में डिमन्स होता है। यह इस मुल्क का सब से बड़ा ऐवान है, लेकिन जम्मू काश्मीर का वजट यहां नहीं आ सकता है, और एक सरकारी प्रपम्पर रैठ कर हमारी निम्मत का फैसला करेगा। माननीय सदस्य मोर्चे कि के जिन तरफ जा रहे हैं। वे यह न समझ लें कि काश्मीर की सरकार अपसम्भाही या

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तानाशाही के प्रति घना आसक्ति है। इस सरकार ने लोगों के हक के पालन किया है और उन के जवाब को जल्दी दिया है। इन की सारी जिम्मेदारी उनके गिर पर है।

[श्री मुहम्मद शफी मुरशी : सीकर]

صاحبِ مجلسِ اعلیٰ ساتھیوں کی تقریریں سننے کے بعد اس بات کا پورا اعتماد تو ہو گیا ہے کہ تقریریں ہو بہت اچھی ہوں گی۔ لیکن ان میں 'ا' جان تھی اور نا سوان نہا۔ ہمارے دوست مدہولہ جی نے اسی اچھی تقریر شروع کی لیکن وہ ان جلد باتوں کا جواب نہیں دے سکے جو ڈاکٹر صاحب نے اچھے اور پلانگ تہمتیں میں اتھائی تھیں۔ سوال یہ نہیں ہے کہ کشمیر میں کیا ہوا۔ کیا نہیں ہوا۔ سوال یہ ہے کہ جو شیخ صاحب سے ہم نے انکریز کیا تھا۔ اس کے پچھلے کو آسما ہمارا نظریہ تھا۔ کانگریس نے ۱۹۷۲ میں سرکار بلائی۔ اور آج یہ کہتا ہے کہ وہ الیکشن جیتے نہیں تھے۔ یہ الزام تو تب ہی لگا جب ۱۹۵۲ میں شیخ صاحب نے الیکشن کرائے تھے۔ تب ہی لوگوں نے کہا کہ الیکشن جیتے نہیں تھے۔ اس وقت یہ بات پاکستان کہتا تھا۔ اس کے بعد جب یہی چلاؤ ہوئے پاکستان اور اس کی لڑی ہمیشہ یہی کہتی رہی کہ کشمیر میں کوئی بھی چلاؤ آزادانہ

نہیں ہوا ہے۔ مسجدِ اقصیٰ اس بات کا ہے کہ اس باتوں میں بھی آج اس قسم کی باتیں اٹھ رہی ہوں۔ حالانکہ ۱۹۵۲ کے چلاؤ میں جس سلسلے لڑی اور ان کے دو امیڈوار جیتے۔ اسی 'ا' بل-کی۔ اور اور ان کے اسی دو امیڈوار جیتے۔ جماعتِ اسلام لڑی اور اس کے اسی بیج امیڈوار جیتے۔ کیا یہ سب چلنا کی مرضی کے بغیر وہاں ہو ہوا۔

جب شیخ صاحب نے یہ دیکھا۔ کہ دنیا کے حالات بدل رہے ہوں۔ بلکہ دیکھ کر ایک ایسی مثال ہمارے لئے قائم ہو گئی جس نے یہ ثابت کر دیا کہ مذہب کے نام پر کوئی حکومت اٹھا نہیں رہ سکتی۔ کشمیر کے لوگوں کو اسے بات کی ہمیشہ یہ فرا کہتی گئی کہ ونگہ پاکستان میں مسلمانوں کی اکثریت ہے اس لئے کشمیر کے مسلمانوں کا الحاق کشمیر میں الحاق پاکستان سے ہونا چاہئے اس وقت ہم نے اس تہذیب کو دھمکتے کیا۔ کہ نہیں یہ ناممکن ہے۔ مذہب کے بلا پر کوئی ریاست کسی دور میں ریاست سے ایسڈ نہیں کر سکتی۔ بلکہ آج ہم نے اس حقیقت کو رازہ کر دیا۔ کہ مسلمان ہوتے ہوئے اسی بلکہ دیکھ الگ ہو گیا پاکستان سے اور اپنی حکومت انہوں نے ایک قائم کر۔ شیخ صاحب نے تاریخ سے سبق لیا ہے۔ کسی کو پوچھنے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔ تاریخ

نے ان کو بتایا کہ جس راستے پر وہ چل رہے ہیں وہ راستہ صحیح نہیں ہے۔ اب سوال شیخ صاحب نے خود کیا۔ کہ اگر آپ مجھے ہندوستان کی منسٹری میں لانا چاہتے ہیں۔ تو مجھے وہ سادھن دئے جائیں جس سے میں چلتا کی خدمت کروں۔ سادھن وہی جس حکومت کی ان کو تلاش تھی۔ وہ حکومت ہم ان کو دے بھی سکتے تھے۔ اور انہیں وہی دے سکتے تھے۔ لیکن قوم اور دیہے کے ہمت میں ہم نے سوچا۔ کہ کانگریس پارٹی کا بہرمت ہے۔ وہاں پر ہمارے ۲۷ ممبر ہیں۔ اگر شیخ صاحب منسٹری میں آئے ہوں اور کانگریس کو طاقت چھوڑنی ہے۔ تو چھوڑ دے کہونکہ یہ ہمارا اصول رہا ہے کہ دیکھتی کوئی چھوڑ نہیں ہے۔ دیکھتی سے بڑھ کر۔۔۔

ادھیکش مہودھے میں یہ کہتا ہوں کہ اگر کانگریس پارٹی کو ملک حاصلت اور دیکھتی کے دوستان کسی کو چلتا ہڑے تو کانگریس پارٹی اوشیہ پہلے ملک کو چلے گی۔ جدانت کی پرواہ نہیں کریگی۔ یہ ہم نے ثابت کر دیا ہے۔ جس میں کشمیر میں نیشنل کانگریس کو اسمبلی میں نااکثریت تھی لیکن دیہے کے ہمت کی خاندان ہم نے بڑی بات ایک کر۔ کہ ہم اپنی

طاقت کو چھوڑتے ہیں۔۔۔ اور شیخ صاحب کو چوف منسٹر بناتے ہیں شیخ صاحب کے لئے پروگرام یہ تھی کہ وہ اسمبلی کے ممبر نہیں تھے۔ ہمارے دو ممبروں نے استعفیٰ دئے اور ان کی جگہ پر شیخ صاحب اور افضل بیگ صاحب کو ممبر بنایا۔ اس سے وجوہات کچھ ایسے تھے۔ ہم جانتے تھے کہ فرقہ پرست طاقتیں کشمیر میں سر نہ اٹھائیں۔ لوگوں کو اچھا ایمپاسٹریشن ملے۔ لوگوں کو معلوم تھا کہ اب ان کے نام پر ڈیولپمنٹ ہوگا۔ لیکن ہم نے دیکھا کہ تمام چیزیں ممکن نہیں ہو رہی ہیں۔ تو کانگریس نے صاف کہہ دیا کہ کانگریس پارٹی سورت نہیں دے سکتی۔ اس کا لازم نتیجہ یہ نکلا تھا کہ اگر ان کی ضرورت سرکار چلانے کی نہیں تھی تو ان کو چاہئے تھا کہ کانگریس نے ان کو طاقت بخشی تھی۔ کانگریس کو ہی انہیں طاقت واپس کرنی چاہئے تھی۔ بھائی اس کے کہ انہوں نے گورنر کو خط لکھ کر ڈیولپمنٹ کیا۔ ان کے حساب سے اس کی کوئی جگہ نہیں ہے۔

اب پارلیمنٹ کے جو الیکشن ہوئے اس میں شیخ صاحب اور ہمارے دوستان یہ سمجھوتہ ہوا کہ توں۔۔۔ ہمیں وہ اورنگی اور تون سوئیں ہم لڑینگے۔ کل چھ سوئیں وہیں کی ہیں۔ شیخ صاحب نے ایک سوئ

[شہری محمد شہید دریشی]

لڑی - کانگریس نے دوں کی دوں
 حلقوں - اس کا مطلب یہ ہے کہ
 جموں کشمیر میں کانگریس نے
 جماعت ہے - وزیر شہج صاحب لکچر
 میں ہیں - اب ی کی حمایت
 لی کو عزا کو انی ہے -

ادھیکش مہارے نے کوئی ایسی
 بات نہیں کہی جو کہ آکر رد کہی
 گئی ہو - میں یہاں دو رہنمائی
 نہیں کرنا چاہتا - صرف طور پر یہ
 بات کہنا چاہتا ہوں کہ اس طرح
 کے ایک ویکٹی نے شہج صاحب کے
 کھتدوب کو وہاں پر ہوا ہے -
 کانگریس نے دونوں کی دونوں سیکشن
 چھ ہیں ہیں - متحدہ اہد ہے کہ
 لداخ کی ایک سیکشن حالی ہے اس
 میں کانگریس ٹیبلنگ میں رہتی ہے -
 حتمہ گی

زوال اس بات کا ہے کہ جب یہ
 کہا جاتا ہے کہ کپسل اب مسترد
 اس میں یہاں کو دیا ہے کہ

There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister as the Head to aid and advise the Governor in exercise of the functions. All functions of the Governor except these in Section 36 38 92 shall be exercised by him only on the advice of the Council of Ministers

جیسا مذکورہ حق نے اور عمارے
 باہمی ساجیں حق نے کہا کہ ہائی
 حکمرانوں کو تمام مسئلہ کو راحت
 میں ایک رہنمائی کلیم ہے - اس
 میں وزیراعلیٰ کی ایڈوائس کو دیکھا
 ہے - لیکن جموں کشمیر کے آئین

میں یہ بات صاف ہے کہ ایڈوائس
 ہوتی ہے کپسل اب مسترد
 کی - کانستٹیوشن کے حصہ دفعہ
 کے تحت کو دے دے تحت لیا ہے
 اس میں یہ دروازہ ہے -

If at any time the Governor is satisfied

اس کی - متفقہ شہج صاحب نے
 - متفقہ شہج صاحب نے
 کو متفقہ شہج صاحب نے
 ایڈوائس دے گی کہ اس
 مستور -

Here is the proclamation issued by the Governor. It does not contain even a single sentence indicating whether he did it at the advice of the Council of Ministers?

Whereas I L. K. Jha Governor of the State of Jammu and Kashmir is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the Government of the State cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir (hereinafter referred to as the State Constitution)

Now therefore

It has not mentioned a single word about the advice he got from the Council of Ministers

کشمیر میں اسٹیبلشمنٹ اور اسٹیبلشمنٹ
 کو حتم کر دیا گیا ہے - اسٹیبلشمنٹ
 کو ہائی میں یہ ہے کہ اس نے کشمیر
 میں اور وہی حالات دودا کو دے
 ہیں - الیکشن کے سلسلے میں میں نے
 حکم دیکھ کر یہ میں کہا دیا کہ
 یہ سرکار طلب میں اچکی ہو اس کے

ہاتھوں میں کشمیریوں کی غیبت
عزت اور قسمت محفوظ نہیں
سکھتی - سامنے کے سامنے - دسویں اس
کو پارٹی کا مسئلہ بنا کر آگ سے
کھیل رہے ہیں - یہ ایک نمائندگی
پروگرام ہے - ایک قومی مسئلہ ہے -

اس سڑکار نے کشمیر کے لوگوں کے
وشواس پر ایک گراہی چوت لٹائی ہے -
اس نے قیام کرپسی کا قتل کیا ہے -
اور یہ ثابت کر دیا ہے کہ وہ کشمیر
کے لوگوں کی خیر خواہ نہیں ہے -
اگر کوئی شخص یہ کہے کہ شہر
عہدہ کشمیر کے واحد لیڈر ہیں تو
میں کہتا ہوں کہ انہوں نے
میں یہ خبریں آ رہی ہیں - آج تو
انہوں پر دھمکاؤں سے کہ تمام
وادی میں شہر صاحب نے خلاف
قیامت سرپریشی ہو رہا ہے - جس طرح
میں انہوں نے اپنی بیوی اور ایک
دو-تہ سہی "انتخاب کر دیا ہے -
اس سے قیامت کو کرسی کی گردن شرم
سے جھک جاتی ہے - اپوزیشن کے
کلیڈیٹس کو ہولید کا موقع نہیں
دیا گیا - اس کی حاکمیت خلا دی
گئی - شاید سلی انسان کر دیا گیا -
اور فرقہ پرستی کو عوامی گئی -
ہم یہ باتیں نہیں کہنا چاہتے
تھے - لیکن اس سڑکار نے ایک ایسا
دروازہ کھول دیا ہے - کہ ہم یہ باتیں
کہنے کے لئے مستعد ہیں -

اس ملک کی کوئی بھی ستوت
جب پریذیڈنٹ رول کے ماتحت
آجاتی ہے تو اس کا بحث پارلیمنٹ
میں ممکن نہیں ہے - یہ اس
ملک کا سب سے بڑا الزام ہے -
لیکن ہمیں کشمیر کا بحث یہاں
نہیں آ سکتا ہے - اور ایک سرکاری
السر ایجنٹ کو ہماری قسمت کا فیصلہ
کرنا - مانگیہ دسویں سوچوں کہ وہ
کس طرف جا رہے ہیں - وہ یہ نہ
سمجھ لیں کہ کشمیر کی سڑکار
شامی یا نا شامی کے ذریعے چلائی
جا سکتی ہے اس سڑکار نے لوگوں کے
کے حقوق کو پامال کیا ہے - اور ان
کے خواتین کو زخمی کیا ہے - اس
کی ساری ذمہ داری اس کے سر پر
ہے -

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रताप सिन्हा जी
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मुई पूरा घूम गई है। बात वे चक ने
ऐसा परिवर्तन किया है कि 25 जून,
1975 से पहले जो दंग सदन में बाध-
रोकी प्रस्ताव पेश किए जाने का विरोध
करते थे, आज वे बाध-रोकी प्रस्ताव
पेश करने की स्थिति में आ गए, और
जो पेश किया करने थे आज वे उन बाध-
रोकी प्रस्तावों का तात्कालिक उत्तर
देने में समर्थ हो गए हैं।

जब हा० बर्गें तब भाषण कर रहे
थे, तो मुझे महाभारत के वर्णों की याद
आई। युद्ध में जब वर्णों का रथ धरणी में
घम गया, और उनके वर्णों में बिद्वि
जाने लगा तो उनके वर्णों का स्मरण हुआ।
वर्णों ने कहा कि निहत्थे वर प्रहार करना

[श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी]

न्यायसंगत नहीं है। अर्जुन थोड़ी देर के लिए असमजस में पड़े। लेकिन सारथी के स्थान पर विराजमान भगवान् कृष्ण ने कहा—वर्ण के मुह से धर्म का उल्लेख शामा नहीं देता। धर्म कहा था जब छलकपट से पाण्डवों को छूत में परास्त कर उन का राज्य ले लिया गया? धर्म कहा था जब भारी सभा में द्रौपदी को निवसन किया गया? धर्म कहा था जब लाक्षा गृह में पाण्डवों को जीवित जलाने की चेष्टा की गई। मैं डा० जर्ण सिंह से पूछना चाहता हूँ—जिस लोकतंत्र की वे दुहाई दे रहे हैं वह लोकतंत्र कहा था जब तामिलनाडु की विधान सभा में डी एम के का स्पष्ट बहुमत होने हुए केन्द्र में बैठी हुई कांग्रेस सत्ता ने चुनी हुई सरकार को भग कर दिया, लोक तंत्र को ताब पर रख दिया सविधान को रद्दी की टोकरी में फेंक दिया?

AN HON MEMBER Do you want to do the same thing?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैं उस पर भी आ रहा हूँ। इस विवाद में उल्लेख किया गया

SHRI K MAYA THEVAR (Dindigul)
Sir I rise on a point of order The hon Minister of External Affairs here referred to the Tamilnadu Government I say that that was dismissed by the then Governor because of corruption charges

MR. SPEAKER There is no point of order Will you please sit down?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैं तमिलनाडु का छोड़ देता हूँ। मैं उड़ीसा की बात करता हूँ। वैसे अगर काश्मीर की बात हो तो कन्याकुमारी का स्मरण

आए बिना नहीं रह सकता। आखिर दोना भारत के भाग है। उड़ीसा में क्या हुआ था? 1973 में उड़ीसा में मेरे मित्र श्री बीजू पटनायक के नेतृत्व में विधान सभा में उन्हें बहुमत प्राप्त हो गया। उस बहुमत का राज्यपाल के सामने प्रदर्शन किया गया था, सफ़ा गिन कर के किया गया था। लेकिन केन्द्र के निर्देश पर राज्यपाल ने कहा कि बहुमत को मरकार बनाने का मौका नहीं दिया जाएगा क्या कि सरकार टिकेगी नहीं। स्थायित्व के आधार पर अपने विवेक से राज्यपाल ने उड़ीसा में निर्णय लिया। क्या जम्मू काश्मीर के राज्यपाल अपने विवेक के आधार पर निर्णय नहीं ले सकते? क्या अलग अलग मानदण्ड होंगे।

एक माननीय सदस्य : उम्मीद है कि आप तो आप लागू हो रहे थे?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैं उस मुद्दे पर भी आ रहा हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, जम्मू काश्मीर का पृथक सविधान है। इस सविधान के अनुसार अगर राज्यपाल सन्तुष्ट हैं कि सरकार सविधान की धाराओं के अनुसार नहीं चल सकती तो वे विधान सभा को भंग कर सकते हैं। मैं एक बात स्पष्ट करना चाहता हूँ कि जम्मू काश्मीर में राष्ट्रपति का राज लागू नहीं किया गया है राज्यपाल का राज लागू किया गया है। यह सविधान उन्होंने बनाया है जो आज इस सविधान को अपने लिए अड़चन का विषय बन रहे हैं। मेरी आशा तो स्पष्ट है। हम तो प्रतिपक्ष में बैठ कर यह भाग करते थे कि जम्मू काश्मीर का पृथक सविधान नहीं होना चाहिए। भारत का सविधान पूरी तरह से जम्मू काश्मीर पर लागू करना चाहिए। इसे पृथक सविधान के अनुसार वे सारी चीजें जम्मू काश्मीर पर लागू नहीं होती हैं जो अन्य प्रदेशों पर लागू होती हैं। क्या हमारा कायदे के मित्र

अब काश्मीर की विशेष स्थिति को भूलना चाहता है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय, 3 मार्च, 1975 को जब इस सदन में शेख साहब व साथ हुए समझौते की चर्चा हुई थी तो तत्कालीन प्रधान मंत्री ने क्या कहा था, उसका थोड़ा सा मैं उल्लेख करना चाहता हूँ —

"This new political understanding is worthy of a person of Shaikh Abdullah's long record of service to the people and our cherished values. About 40 years ago Sheikh Abdullah became the foremost leader of the Kashmir people's fight against feudalism and he made his struggle a part of the larger national struggle for freedom and secularism."

और भी उन्होंने शेख साहब की बहुत तारीफ की थी। उस समय किसी को यह ध्यान नहीं रहा कि शेख अब्दुल्ला व साथ कितने व्यक्ति हैं। तब शेख अब्दुल्ला का व्यक्तित्व सारे जम्मू काश्मीर पर छाया हुआ था। जब शेख अब्दुल्ला कांग्रेस पार्टी के लिये अनुकूल थे तो वे बड़े थे, तब उनका वोट ऊँचा था, तब वे सब को भाव लेकर चलने का दायित्व निर्याह कर सकते थे। जब कांग्रेस पार्टी ने दवा कि शेख अब्दुल्ला उनके इशारे पर चलने के लिये तैयार नहीं है तो जम्मू काश्मीर के स्थायित्व को खतरे में डालकर शेख अब्दुल्ला व प्रति अविश्वास प्रस्ताव करने की गलती की गई।

मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जब देश में चुनाव हो रहे थे, नई सरकार बनने वाली थी, जब देश सत्रमण काल से गुजर रहा था शेख अब्दुल्ला पर से विश्वास वापस लेने का निर्णय क्या हुआ ? इसके पीछे भी एक चाल है। शेख अब्दुल्ला के साथ विश्वासघात किया गया, वह बात छलम है लेकिन जनता के समर्थन से जा नई सरकार बनी है उसने मार्ग में रुकावटें पैदा करने व नियंत्रण में गड़बड़ी की स्थिति उत्पन्न करने

की कोशिश की जा रही है। शेख अब्दुल्ला पर अगर विश्वास इतने दिन था तो क्या वह विश्वास कुछ और दिन नहीं रह सकता था ?
(व्यवधान)

जम्मू काश्मीर के सविधान में विशेष स्थिति है उसका मैं उल्लेख नहीं करना चाहता लेकिन आप स्वीकार करेंगे कि जम्मू काश्मीर के एक तिहाई भाग पर पाकिस्तान का कब्जा है और जम्मू काश्मीर में अभी तक संयुक्त राष्ट्र संधि व पर्यवेक्षक मौजूद हैं। सभी इस बात को स्वीकार करेंगे कि जम्मू काश्मीर का प्रश्न दलगत आधार पर नहीं देखा जाना चाहिये। यह एक राष्ट्रीय प्रश्न है। मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जब नयी सरकार आ जाती उस सरकार के नेताओं से परामर्श करके जम्मू काश्मीर के बारे में कोई फैसला किया जाता तो क्या आसमान टूट जाता ? अगर इतना धैर्य नहीं दिखाया गया। चुनाव में परास्त हो गए तो एक कुचक्र शुरू कर दिया। एक ऐसी स्थिति पैदा कर दी गई है जो सारे देश को कठिनाई में डाल सकती है। मैं कांग्रेस पार्टी व प्रबुद्ध नेताओं से अपील करना चाहता हूँ, परमात्मा के लिए, आप तो हममें अनुभवी हैं, आप तो हमसे अधिक असम्प्रदायवादी होने का दावा करते हैं, आप तो इससे अधिक राष्ट्रवादी होने पर बल देते हैं, आप जम्मू काश्मीर में कोई ऐसा काम मत करिये जो हमारे लिये सिरदर्द बन जाये। वह सिरदर्द केवल सरकार के सिर्फ पर नहीं होगा, वह सारे देश का सिरदर्द होगा और अन्ततः सभी कांग्रेस पार्टी को आप नहीं बरेगी।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, स्थिति को सुलझाने का एक यही तरीका है कि चुनाव करा दिये जायें। जम्मू काश्मीर की जनता स्वतंत्र और निष्पक्ष चुनाव में अपना अभिमत प्रगट करे। चुनाव जल्दी से जल्दी कराये जायें, इस बात का प्रस्ताव होना चाहिये कि जनता के पास जाने में आपको सकोच क्यों ? आज कुरेशी साहब कहते हैं कि कोई एक व्यक्ति बढ़ा

[श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी]

नहीं है। सचमुच मैं जनता। निर्णय के बाद अब कोई भी व्यक्ति बड़ा नहीं रहा। अब दो दिन निकल गए। (ध्वजध्वनि) हमने कभी व्यक्ति पंजा नहीं की और न व्यक्ति पूजा करेंगे। हम। कभी एक व्यक्ति को भारत का प्रतिनिधि नहीं माना और न ही मानेंगे। जम्मू कश्मीर सवाल पर जो स्थिति प्रस्ताव आपने पेश किया है वह ठीक किया है लेकिन जिस भावना में हमारे नेता ने उसका स्वीकार किया है उसकी आप कद कीजिए। व्यक्ति स्थिति प्रस्ताव बाद, मैं चाहता हूँ कि कांग्रेस पार्टी का नेता और हमारे वरिष्ठ नेता मिल कर बैठें और जम्मू-कश्मीर में कोई ऐसी परिस्थिति पैदा होने में रोकें, जिस से कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर नाम उठा सकें। ये झगड़े घर के झगड़े हैं, ये परस्पर मतभेद हैं, मगर सत्ता की होठ में कोई ऐसा काम नहीं होना चाहिये जो कश्मीर वाले में एक घनिष्ठत्व की स्थिति पैदा कर दे। मुझे विश्वास है कि कांग्रेस ने मित्रों में कुछ देश के लिये प्लान की भावना जागृत होगी।

श्री मुहम्मद शफी कुरैशी (अन्तर्जाल)

यह आप को पता है कि चाहिये था—इसमें पहले कि प्राइम मिनिस्टर गवर्नर को एडवाइस करें, अगर हम में राय ली जानी तो ज्यादा अच्छा था।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अगर हमारे कांग्रेसी मित्र गेष्ठ अन्तर्जाल में अपना विश्वास वापस लेने में पहले हमें परामर्श कर लेते, तो यह स्थिति पैदा हो गई होती। और जो हा गया, या हो गया मैं उसमें नहीं जाना चाहता लेकिन भविष्य के बारे में मैं कहना चाहता हूँ—कि मिल कर कश्मीर के बारे में नीति का निर्धारण हो। इस दिशा में हमारी सरकार प्रयत्न करेगी, लेकिन कांग्रेस पार्टी चुनाव की पराजय के बाद कहा तक उची उठनी है—इसे यह देखना है।

भाषण समाप्त करने से पहले, मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूँ—जब मैं प्रतिपक्ष में था तब मैं मांग किया करता था कि धारा 370 समाप्त होनी चाहिये, लेकिन उस समय हम पर टीका-टिप्पणी की जानी थी कि हम जम्मू का मोर की जनता की भावनाओं का धार नहीं करना चाहते। आज वही धारा 370। अन्तर्गत बना हुआ संविधान का मोर में राज्यपाल का राज्य लागू करने का कारण बना है। लेकिन एक बात मैं स्पष्ट करना चाहता हूँ कि नई सरकार धारा 370 में कोई एक-तरफा परिवर्तन नहीं करेगी, जम्मू-कश्मीर की जनता के विचारों को ध्यान में रखकर निर्णय किया जाएगा।

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola)

Sir at the outset I would like to reciprocate the sentiments expressed by Shri Madhu Limaye when he said that now in this country we must turn a new leaf in democratic system and parliamentary system if democracy is to be consolidated in this country. It is a good augury that a new party has emerged as an alternative party which can take the reins of Government and which is so very essential for democracy in a country and therefore we would be very happy if this Government under the new Party, the Janata Party, consolidates and gives a stable government to this country and all our leaders have assured that we on our part would like to do nothing to disturb the working of this government. Therefore, Sir, I expected that the Government of the Janata Party under the leadership of Morarji Bhai would maintain the tradition of which you just now quoted Ram Manohar Lohia and the first thing Morarji Bhai himself at the press conference had said was that he would do nothing and his government would do nothing to topple the State legislatures when a direct question was asked. He said "If they do it on their own, what can I do?" That was perfectly fair. But the apprehension in our mind—I must

be very clear let us discuss it as friends—is this The election to the office of the President has to be held before August that is within six months of the vacancy arising You are also aware that in most of the States in this country the Congress has a majority In the Rajya Sabha also we have the majority It has been publicly stated that they have advised the Governors to dissolve all the State Assemblies and hold immediate elections before the presidential election is held When Morarjibhai stated at his first press conference that his Government would do nothing to disturb or play the role of destabilisers to unseat the State Governments and legislatures we believed him But even before the breath was out of it we were taken aback by this action of the Government of India

I am not going into the question of the role of the Governor because in terms of art 92 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir to which Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee referred there is this provision in sub-section (5)

No proclamation under sub-section (1) shall be issued except with the concurrence of the President of India"

This is not referred to in other sections

The Proclamation says

Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under sec 92 of the State Constitution and all other powers in that behalf and with the concurrence of the President of India I hereby

If this is with the concurrence of the President obviously it is with the consent of the Council of Ministers, that is the Prime Minister under our Constitution as it was before and as it is now There is no difference in that

Therefore I would beg of you to clarify this We honestly believed you when you said that you were determined to lay down and stand by certain excellent democratic practices and you would do nothing to unseat the State legislatures unless they toppled themselves—which is a different matter I would like to ask you this did the Governor approach you? If so what was his report? Did he tell you that the majority party cannot run the Government? On what basis did you give your concurrence? Under what circumstances did you agree to have the State Assembly dissolved? Of course you can say We will go to the polls at the earliest I do not want to go into the question whether the poll that was held there all these years from 1950 onwards till 1969 when you were yourself in a high position in the Government in Nehru's time was throughout rigged

MR SPFAKER It will help if he addresses me I am not a party to either this or that

SHRI VASANT SATHE We always address you When I say 'you' it is addressed through you

Therefore I would beg of the Prime Minister to explain under what circumstances this was done There is a saying in Marathi

रहातारी भेयाचे दुख नाही तालसाकबती

It is no matter of sorrow that an old lady is dead the danger is of death getting habituated We are not worried about what my friends from Kashmir are telling me, they are any day willing to go to the people there is no question of having any apprehensions on account of that But this thing can be extended to the rest of the country You can say hereafter you do not need to ascertain whether there is majority behind the government or not all that you have to do in a state hereafter is to get the

[Shri Vasant Sathe]

Governor tell you that he recommends that it should be dissolved. What is your policy? If you give such a rude shock it will shake our faith in your word of having democratic functioning in the states. How can we have confidence in you? Even in the beginning this has happened. As the saying goes

प्रथमप्राग्न मशिरापान

A fly in the very first mouthful. How can you infuse confidence in us. We want to cooperate with you.

18 56 hrs

[SHRI D N TIWARI in the Chair]

Here 356 was available to you. You did not resort to 356. Then there is article 92. Do you know what the Governor says? On page 2 he says

In exercise of the powers of the legislature to make laws under or by virtue of this Proclamation I shall prepare such Bills as I deem necessary and declare as respects any Bill so prepared the assent thereof.

What kind of democracy is this? Under 356 you have in terms protection and it says that it is this Parliament. The representatives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir are here to safeguard their interests both here and in the Rajya Sabha. 356(b) says that the powers of the legislature of the State shall be exercisable by or under the authority of Parliament. Would it not have been better to have the Budget passed in this Parliament? Or is it better and more democratic to let the Governor say I prepare the Bill and I also give assent to it. What kind of democratic norms are being followed? I want to say this to the Prime Minister. We have faith in his word. We know that he wants to stabilise. That cannot be done unless there is coalition both sides. A new

stage has emerged in the country. And if right in the beginning you start shaking our faith it does not augur well. What do you really mean when you say that you have faith in democracy? How can we have faith in you? Therefore I submit that the entire action of this government the very first act in giving concurrence through the President to such an act of the Government was most undemocratic and unconstitutional and contrary to all the excellent democratic norms that exist and also your proclamations. Therefore we feel shocked.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) He was referring to me. May I refer my hon friend to the Leader of the Opposition and Dr Karan Singh to whom I have said that I had no other option left in this matter and I have explained to them the facts and I believe they are satisfied. I do not want to speak further because the Home Minister deals with the problem and he will say whatever he has to say.

19 00 hrs

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai) Mr Chairman Sir we find ourselves confronted with a peculiar predicament and the predicament is that while we try to agree with them they do not seem to agree with themselves. That is a peculiar situation which this House faces at the moment. This would be clear from my recital of the facts that have been obtaining in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. But let me state in the very beginning that there is no difficulty so far as agreeing with the general proposition that the party which commands decisive majority in a State must be asked to form the Government is concerned. Generally I would emphasise that if we depart from this principle that would be the end of democracy. And that is precisely what our Election manifesto

says in its political chapter I would like to quote it here

'Move to amend Article 356 to ensure that the power to impose President's rule in the State is not misused to benefit the ruling party or any favoured faction within it'

And I must state with all emphasis at my command that our party would adhere to it so far as the general proposition is concerned, in all areas except the one in which following their illustrious lead we want to go in a special way. This is precisely my contention. They want this area to be treated in a special way. Not only they but the entire country wanted that this area should be handled in a special way. They had also asked us to treat this area as a sensitive area. I would certainly like to agree with them wholeheartedly. But what exactly does it mean? The sensitivity of that area means that there should be a special sensitivity on our part to deal with it, and that requires that some special features of the situation in Jammu and Kashmir must be taken into account. In fact Mr Chairman, you will kindly recall that they had evolved a new arithmetic in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. They had asked the country and the whole world to believe that 45 was equivalent to 1 and 1 was more than 45. That is precisely the proposition which they had adumbrated in the year 1975, two years back when Sheikh Abdullah was enthroned as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. Was it not a strange arithmetic on the face of it? But it was a real arithmetic to which all of us in this House subscribed.

Sir, I would not like to take my stand on the assumption that the elections in Jammu and Kashmir in 1972 were not free and fair or that they were rigged. I do not want to take my stand on this. But what exactly they had come to believe themselves? I would like to agree

with their belief. There was a State Assembly, they were in a predominant position there and yet they came to realise that the Assembly did not reflect the will of the people. What exactly did it mean? They brought in a person who became the Chief Minister of the State who was not a Member of the Assembly then. And not only that. Did you ask Sheikh Abdullah to join your party and to defect from the National Conference? It had been your way to seduce people to join your party but Sheikh Abdullah was not seduced by you to join your party. He continued to be the Member of the National Conference and he continued to represent and lead the National Conference. Why my hon Members do not recognise this position? Otherwise if Sheikh Abdullah had been offered the office of Chief Minister he would have joined your party and he would have become the leader of your party. There would have been absolutely no difficulty about it.

But Sheikh Abdullah was not a member of the party nor was he a member of the Assembly. This House does not seem to bear in mind that Sheikh Abdullah was allowed to form a government not a single member of which belonged to the Legislative Assembly of that State. Is that not the paramount fact to be taken into account? That is exactly what I am trying to emphasise on my friend, Dr Karan Singh.

I had taken part in the debate which took place at that time and I am really proud of the contribution that I had made then. I said,

'Sheikh Abdullah has gone there as a partyless leader, as a partyless Chief Minister, as a Janata Chief Minister'

Now Sheikh Abdullah will become the Janata Chief Minister, but I predicted it in 1975. I further said

'I ask my hon friend Shri Swaran Singh who is a student of Constitutional Affairs, unlike the Prime

[Shri Shyamnandan Mishra]

Minister—Does not the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly stand as good as dissolved? What is the meaning of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly in the present context? None of the Ministers of Sheikh Abdullah happens to belong to the Legislative Assembly."

If the Legislative Assembly were that important at least one member of the Cabinet could have been contributed by that celebrated State Assembly. But not a single member of the Cabinet was contributed by that Assembly. Yet, you are laying all stress on the Legislative Assembly!

What then was the new factor brought into the situation to reflect the will of the people? That is precisely the point with which the House must grapple. The new element brought into the situation was the pact between the then Prime Minister and Sheikh Abdullah, because the then government realised that the Assembly did not reflect the reality of the situation there. It is the pact between the then Prime Minister and Sheikh Abdullah which provided the real birth to the Legislative Assembly. It is this pact which had been governing the State and not the Legislative Assembly there. So you had come to the conclusion that a new pact was required with a person who had been in exile for 22 years. That reminds me of a very desirable development which has taken place in this House, namely a man whom you had handcuffed and used to bring to the court in handcuff is now a minister governing this country! That has been precisely the tradition of a Gandhian country like this. So, at that time a pact was brought about to reflect the reality of the situation. Now my hon. friend should again come to the view that a new relationship between the new Prime Minister and Sheikh Abdullah is required to reflect the reality of the situation. I am only stating the facts

which you have created there and I would like you to adhere to those facts. I would also like this hon. House to bear this in mind.

The one problem to which I do not find an easy solution is this. The State is now under Governor's rule which has been imposed with the concurrence of the President of India. Concurrence of the President of India means that it was done with the aid and advice of the Central Cabinet. Yet in the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir the provision is that the budget would be passed by the Governor.

19 10 hrs

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

That creates problem which I am not easily able to solve. We have to go by the situation as it obtains according to the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir. (Interruptions)

Now they have been subscribing all the time to the special Constitution of the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Although the provision in that Constitution is that the proclamation will issue only with the concurrence of the President of India, yet my hon. friends on the other side have been subscribing to the view that it is a wholly desirable provision in the Constitution of Jammu & Kashmir that there shall be a Governor's rule and that the Governor should pass the budget. Why had you been subscribing to this view? So far as the ruling party is concerned—and I am proud to belong to the ruling party—the hon. Prime Minister has always been saying that we must not do anything which will impair the unity of the country. But here are these gentlemen who have been talking in terms of the south or some States and so on. Please do not tell us that in these States you have got the majority. The country is represented by the party which reflects the predominant opinion of the people of the country. But you are pointing to State A or State B or State C and all these States happen to be in a parti-

cular area—and therefore you suggest that there has been a polarisation between the north and the south. We do not subscribe to these sinister assumptions and inferences and I must say that you are not true to your leader when you are talking in terms of the south and the north.

My final submission is this. This has to be solved in some amicable manner. It is a matter of gratification that the new Prime Minister always brings a constructive spirit to bear upon the problems of the country. He has shown during the last two or three days that he can be accommodating to an extent to which the Prime Minister after Nehru or Lal Bahadur Shastri has not been. Your leader was not so accommodating otherwise he would not have to face this catastrophe. If there is a kind of some dialogue between the new Prime Minister and the opposition on this point they should evolve a practice that the House should take command of in some way the Budget proposals because it is in substance President's Rule but because of the special Constitution of the Jammu & Kashmir it is known as Governor's Rule. With this constructive suggestion I would like to accord support to the new Prime Minister's policy in this matter. And I think the new Prime Minister will inaugurate a new era in Kashmir. I would ask my hon friends from the opposition to come forward and extend their hands of cooperation in this matter. They should rise above party barriers treat Kashmir in a special way and apply the delicate touch that it requires.

श्रीमती अकबर जहान बेगम (श्रीनगर) : मि० स्पीकर, बहुत सी बातें मैं ने सुनी जो अपोजीशन और नई गवर्नमेंट के आनरेबल मेम्बरों की तरफ से आप के सामने रखी गई। जैसा कि अबसर सब को मालूम हो है जेव साहब न हमेशा जम्बूरियत, सैन लरिज्म और मोशलिज्म को अपनाया और उन्होंने हर तरीके से यह कोशिश

की कि काश्मीर उमो की वृत्तिवार पर मारे हिन्दुस्तान के साथ लगवरी करे।

I am speaking as a Member of this House not as the wife of Sheikh Abdullah. What I say may be against the friends in the Opposition but these are facts.

एमेम्बरी में जा अभी-अभी ताड़ी गई है कांग्रेस के मेम्बरों में आपस में ही स्तिफाक नहीं था। पहले तो सब कहते रह कि जेव साहब बहुत अच्छे हैं और उन का चीफ मिनिस्टर बनना बहुत अच्छा है। लेकिन बाद में जब उन्होंने देखा कि अब मुरो हान ऐसी है कि लोग कांग्रेस की तरफ से मुतफिकर हो रहे हैं तो दूसरी बिस्म की बातें कही जान लगी।

लोक सभा के लिये मेरा जो इर्लैक्शन हुआ उस में सब दुनिया के सामने जाहिर हो गया कि लग बिस के साथ हैं। बेहद बाकिश की गई हम भी हाने की। मेरे खिलाफ भी तीन और बैन्नेट छड़े किये गये।

एक माननीय सदस्य बहुत बेईमान हैं ये लोग।

SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI
The word 'be-imaan' should be expunged, because he does not know its meaning. 'Be-imaan' in this context is a bad word.

श्रीमती अकबर जहान बेगम : एक तो उनमें से वह सा वधे जिन की कांग्रेस की तरफ से बहुत बैनिंग की जाती थी-मौलवी इफितखार साहब। खैर, बुदरत का करता ऐसा हुआ कि वह हार गये। किसी चीज ने मजबूर किया। जेव साहब का अगर कुर्मी की जरूरत होती जैसे कि ये लोग हैं ये अल्फाज में जाहिर करन की कोशिश करते हैं तो फिर उन्हें जेल काठ के लिये जाना था और यह एन्विलेगेशन भी आयद अगर मैं न करेक्टली मुताफिक कुछ पाकिस्तान की तरफ का कह रहे थे। (व्यवधान)

एक सलीप सदस्य नहीं, किसी ने नहीं कहा।

श्रीमती अरुण जट्ट, बंगम हवेशा से उन्होंने टूनेशन थ्योरी से इनकार किया और उन्होंने हमेशा मंत्र त्रिय । हमें साथ लेकर चार माल कीजलावतनी भी काटी तीन माल बोटाइ जनाल मे माउय के अंदर और फि एक साल दिल्ली के अंदर । खैर इम का कोई गिला किसी पर नहीं है । आप लोग सब समझते हैं कि ऊंचे आदर्शों के लिये सफरिगम भानी ही हैं । अगर वे इम चीज क पाज्ज न होने, कुसिया के लिये उन की लालच रानी तो फिर सफरिगम बाह के लिये नेनी थी ?

कारेमियों ने अब ऐसा माहौल पैदा कर दिया था कि उन के लिये गवर्नमेंट चलानी बड़ी दुश्वार हो गई थी । असम्बली के अंदर मे, बाहर से सब तरफ से कोशिश यह की जाती थी कि जिन उमूला पर जम्हूरियन, मोंगनिज्म और सेक्युलरिज्म पर वे गवर्नमेंट चला रहे थे वह न चला सके और जो कहते हैं कि तीन आदमियों पर नाचने थे, वह ठीक है, मौला आपेगा, अमेम्बली के एलेक्जस मे दूसरा मौला आपेगा जो कि मरुब इसीलिये है । उन्होंने इसीलिये कहा कि मेरे भागा को बिनकुल आजादता तौर पर जम्हूरियन, सेक्युलरिज्म और सार्गनिज्म के उमूला पर खुली राय रखने का मौका होना चाहिये । बिना किसी खीर और खतर के वे अपने नुमाइन्दे चुने जा कि अमेम्बली में उन की नुमाइन्दगी करें । तीन आदमियों पर कोई नहीं नाचने । यह सारी दुनिया जानती है न सिर्फ हिन्दुस्तान बल्कि हिन्दुस्तान के बाहर के लोग भी जानते हैं श्रेष्ठ पशुना का जिन की उम्र के 46 मान पानिटिकम मे हो गये हैं और उन्होंने कभी धोखा नहीं किया, उन से धोखा किया गया । उन्होंने सि सी को धोखा नहीं दिया । इम वदर वे अपने अन्धकार के पावन्द हैं । जिस वक्त आपने एलेक्जस के लिये मुझे अपनी कान्डी टयूएमी में जाना पड़ा, काशी दुश्वारिया भी जाती थी सामन लेकिन उन सब दुश्वारिया के डरने हुए मैंन काटीन्ग किया और उन्होंने यही बला हममा मुने सांगी म कहता पडा जिस मे जि

लोगो ने मुझमे बड़ा ब्रेगम गाहिया, हमें धोखा लगा, आप ने कहा था जब मोटिगम पर मोटिगम हुआ करती थी जिस मे 15-20 और 30 हजार मे कम लोग कभी नहीं थे । नेने कहा कि क्या धोखा हुआ आप लोगो मे तो उन्होंने कहा कि आप ने कहा कि क ग्रेम और हमें एनेक्जस मे बिनकुल एक साथ चबना है न कि हमे उन के कैडीडेट को नुक्सान पडवाने की कोशिश करनी है । और ये यह भी चाह्यो कि वे भी उन वादे पर रहे जो श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी और शेख साहब के दरमियान बाने हुई और उन की कंजिनेट के दरमियान बाने हुई कि यह तीन सीटे हम को मिली है ये तीन सीटे क ग्रेम की हैं । लेकिन यह चारों कि एक दूसरे के साथ ऐसा न किया जय कि घाटा दिया जाय । मैं सब जाना नहीं चाहती इम मे । एक तो मुझे मेरा जमोर इजाजत नहीं देना कि मैं उन बातों का बिक करू । यहां पर एक जिक्र किया गया कि एक जोर उलाई गई । उम जोर को जवाने में भी उन्होंने का हाथ था । चूकि इम मे कारेमियों की एक सीची ममझी बाल कि इमका एक हवें के तौर पर इम्नेमाल करते महा बिना मुझे पिमाद करायें ताकि उन सूरत में इल्लखावान को मुल्लेबो करायें लेकिन सारी काशमोर इम बात जो साबिन कर सफाई है इम तरह से गायबाना, किमी को पीड के पीडे काई बान कहना, मुन्क के लोगो मे दूर किने तरह की बाने कहना बडा प्रामान है लेकिन मुन्क के लागो के सामने बाने कहना दूसरा बान होगी कि तीन आदमी जिसके साथ है और सारा काशमीर जिसके साथ है । इसलिये मैं चाहती हू कि जब इम हाऊस मे हम बाने है तो हम सब बहुत शरीफाना और इमानदा राना तौर पर बात कह, जो हकीकत है उनके गलत तरीके मे बयान करने की कोशिश न करें । झूठ को बोने कि हकीकत है और हकीकत को हम बयान ही न करे यह जायज नहीं है ।

इन लोगो ने श्रेष्ठ साहब के लिए गवर्नमेंट चलाने का कोई रास्ता ही नहीं रखा । कभी

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[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Thakur Girjanandan Singh
(Sheohar)

Shri M N Govindan Nair
(Trivandrum)

Shri Tukaram Sadashiv Shrangare
(Osmanabad)

Shri Arjun Singh Bhadoria
(Etawah)

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ANNUAL REPORT ON WORKING AND
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1956 FOR THE YEAR 1975-76

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI
SHANTI BHUSHAN) I beg to lay
on the Table a copy of the Annual
Report (Hindi and English versions)
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and administration of the Companies
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CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED PRINTING AND NUMBERING
OF DUPLICATE BALLOT PAPERS BY
GOVERNMENT PRESS ALIPUR
CALCUTTA

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Dia-
mond Harbour) I call the attention
of the Minister of Law Justice and
Company Affairs to the reported
printing and numbering of duplicate
ballot papers in laks by Government
Press Alipur Calcutta under the
control of a senior IPS Officer

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI
SHANTI BHUSHAN) Mr Speaker
Sir Ballot papers with identical serial
numbers were detected by the Return-
ing Officers for Parliamentary Consti-
tuencies in West Bengal on verification
of the bundles of ballot papers receiv-
ed by them from the Government
Press before issuing them for use at
polling stations The particulars of
such ballot papers were as follows —

13 Barasat Parliamentary Consti-
tuency

S Nos 563501 to 563600 (100 numbers)

15-Joynagar (SC) Parliament Consti-
tuency

S Nos 656551 to 657000 (450 numbers)

S Nos. 644001 to 645000 (1000 numbers)

19 Barrackpore Parliamentary Consti-
tuency

S Nos 669001 to 670000 (1000 num-
bers)

S Nos 635401 & 586700 (2 numbers)

[Shri Shanti Bhushan]

20 Dim Dum Parliamentary Constituency

S Nos 453272 453273 & 739728 (3 numbers)

1-Cooch Behar (SC) Parliamentary Constituency

S Nos. 298001 to 299000 (1000 numbers)

S Nos 522776 (1 number)

3-Jalpaiguri Parliamentary Constituency

S Nos. 236001 to 237000 (1000 numbers)

S Nos 293001 to 294000 (1000 numbers)

S Nos 421001 to 422000 (1000 numbers)

S Nos 473001 to 474000 (1000 numbers)

S Nos 475001 to 476000 (1000 numbers)

S Nos. 555001 to 557000 (1000 numbers)

S Nos. 640001 to 641000 (1000 numbers)

31-Contai Parliamentary Constituency

S Nos 4050 numbers

34-Purulia Parliamentary Constituency

S Nos 1000 numbers

The total number of ballot papers with duplicate numbers was 16506

The serial numbering of ballot papers in West Bengal was done by means of hand numbering machines. The work was done by outsiders on contract basis within the premises of the Government Press under strict supervision of the Press authorities and police. The method of work this time has been that 9 squads, with 30 persons in each squad, were in operation in respect of each Parliamentary Constituency. In all there are 42 Parliamentary Constituencies in West Bengal. They worked under the overall supervision of employees of the

Press earmarked for the purpose. Numbering was done in bundles of one thousand each and the serial numbers to be printed on each bundle was assigned to each squad by employees of the Press. The duplicate number of a few thousand ballot papers was due to the wrong assignment of the same sets of serial numbers to more than one squad engaged for the serial numbering of the ballot papers of one Parliamentary Constituency. As a result, a few bundles of thousand ballot papers each had the same serial numbers. The mistake was detected by the Returning Officers in the course of the verification of ballot papers received by them before issue to the Presiding Officers of the polling stations. As soon as the mistake was detected all the ballot papers with identical serial numbers were returned to the Press for safe custody and substitute ballot papers with correct serial numbers were printed afresh by the Press and supplied to the Returning Officers.

The persons employed in the Press who were responsible for the mistake have already been placed under suspension and inquiries have been initiated for fixing the responsibility for the mistakes.

From the experience of previous elections the Election Commission had realised that the mistake of printing identical serial numbers on ballot papers was possible due to error in the operation of numbering of ballot papers. In paragraph 4 of Chapter IV of the Handbook for Returning Officers, 1977 Edition, the Commission had issued detailed instructions for the verification of ballot papers by the Returning Officers before they are issued to the Presiding Officers of polling stations. The instructions provide that whenever the Returning Officer detects ballot papers having identical serial numbers, the particulars of the serial numbers should be noted in a register and published on the notice board. A copy of the notice should also be sent to each of the contesting

candidates. The ballot papers with duplicate numbers will then be sealed with the seal of the Returning Officer and the seal of the Supdt of the Government Press where the ballot papers were printed and kept in safe custody in the Government Press itself pending directions from the Commission for their destruction. These instructions were carried out carefully by the Returning Officers in all cases in which ballot papers with identical serial numbers were detected for the last general election to the Lok Sabha.

It may also be mentioned that rule 38 1) of the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 provides that every ballot paper before it is issued to an elector shall be signed in full on its back by the Presiding Officer. This provision ensures that every ballot paper used at the poll is genuine and that the mistake of printing a few ballot papers with identical serial numbers will not in any way vitiate the poll.

PROF. DILIP CHAKRAVARTY (Calcutta South) Is there any parallel to these things in the past?

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Sir, the hon. Minister, I apprehend, has given the statement on the basis of the facts provided by the West Bengal Government. The Chief Electoral Officer is an officer of the West Bengal Government. These facts are not correct. It proves from the big bundle that I am having that hundreds of more such bundles were recovered and I would like your direction on the matter whether I shall lay it on the Table of the House or hand it over to the Minister.

MR. SPEAKER Hand it over to the Minister.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Sir, from the statement, I would like to say that the instructions provided that whenever the Returning Officer de-

tected the ballot papers having identical serial numbers, the particulars of the serial numbers should be noted in the register and displayed on the notice board. A copy of the notice should also be sent to each of the contesting candidates. I can assure you, Mr. Shanti Bhushan, that this was not done as far as I know. What has happened in the Government Press Alipore Calcutta the tip of the iceberg and I appreciate the role played by newspapers, particularly *The Statesman* in Calcutta and *Anand Bazar Patrika*. I appreciate also the role of *Jugantar* as they had published these things and brought these things to light, but we have got these things earlier because we have come to know the day it had been done.

Sir, it was a part of the Master Plan for widespread rigging in selected areas by the ruling party then in power. That is part of the master plan. Sir, fortunately the anti-Indira and anti-Congress wave was so terrific that it flooded away everything. This was not today—from Himachal to West Bengal you cannot find a single MP coming from one State. Nothing short of a parliamentary enquiry or a Commission of enquiry will satisfy the people and unearth the mischief behind it.

Sir, *'Statesman'* dated 11th of March says

"50 000 to 70 000 ballot papers of Burdwan and Alipore were missing. Duplicate ballot papers were printed in lakhs."

Anand Bazar Patrika dated 12th March Jalpaiguri where Mrs. Maya Ray, the spouse of the sitting Chief Minister of West Bengal is gloriously contesting—and I am glad that Mr. Kagan Dasgupta I don't know if he is here, defeated her a substantial margin—duplicate ballot papers with same serial numbers detected in that particular place where the Chief Minister's spouse was contesting comes to about 70 000. The Deputy

[Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu]

admitted that duplicate of several thousand ballot papers came and those were being sent to Calcutta. He admitted this himself. Sir The Chief Electoral Officer corroborated that 3500 duplicate ballot papers were detected at Jalpaiguri. This is far from correct. Demonstrations were taken out by the people of Jalpaiguri in protest. The 'Jugantar' which is a paper owned by a Congressman, Tarun Kanti Ghosh till the other day, a sitting member of the West Bengal Government says on 13th of March that at four places—Contai, Purulia, Jadavpur, Tufanganj—duplicate ballot papers were received. At Contai it was 3000, at Purulia it was over 7500, for Tufanganj we have not got the number but it runs to 10,000. The presiding officer detected this and the Chief Electoral Officer confirmed it. Ananda Bazar Patrika dated 13-3-77 says that the Chief Electoral Officer confirmed it. Duplicate ballot papers of Jadavpur, Burdwan, Howrah and Durgapur were received.

Mr Krishna Chandra Halder is sitting behind me. The Returning Officer and the Assistant Returning Officer confirmed this to me.

Sir I quote from 'The Statesman' dated 13th March:

"The detection of a large number of 'duplicate ballot papers' in several districts of West Bengal—only two days after such discovery in Jalpaiguri—caused a flutter in political circles in Calcutta on Saturday. Leaders of some Opposition parties said this confirmed their suspicion that agents of a certain political party—well we know that the political party it is—were engaged in rigging the election to ensure Congress victory at the poll."

Therefore Sir Mr Bhoj Singh now sitting MP claims that duplicate ballot paper at the rate of 20,000 per constituency were printed at Alipore, West Bengal Government Press. Sir

such duplicates went to local Congress offices. At Tamluk the number went as high as 26,000 vide Ananda Bazar Patrika dated 16th March, page 1. The same thing happened at Basirhat and Mathurapur. Sir, mind you at the counting time the printed serial numbers are not checked. It is an easy task. Being not satisfied in Midnapur they went to the extent of stealing ballot boxes. The Congress President Shri Arun Moitra has admitted this vide Ananda Bazar Patrika issue of 13th March, page 10. The CPI also sent telegrams demanding an immediate inquiry into this. Shri P. C. Sen said one Central Cabinet Minister—I am told he is Mr Chattopadhyaya but I do not want it to go on record—and two senior most officials—one of them got extension after retirement—conspired in Writers Building to do this. In some constituencies even 50,000 to 60,000 duplicate and forced voting was done.

Sir, the erstwhile Prime Minister and West Bengal Chief Minister's arrangements were well-planned. For Government Press Alipore, Calcutta they imported a senior police officer to be in charge of printing about one and a half year's ago. Perhaps Mrs Gandhi thought she needed to hold election in 1976. This Controller of Printing has a very shady past. The CBI raided his house. He is a drug addict. During the raid—I regret to say—bunch of photographs of nude tribal girls was found in his house. When he was S.P. Burdwan there, were 225 political murders and not a single prosecution took place. The then Prime Minister recommended President's Police medal for him for rehabilitating the Congress in Burdwan.

Ballot papers far in excess for each constituency were there. Outside private individuals brought 300 persons called private dastries for serial numbering. They were forced to do duplicate serial numbering on threat.

They were paid abnormally high remuneration. When this thing leaked out the innocent employees were suspended. I would like the hon. Law Minister to tell us as to how many such persons have been suspended from service. Why the big shots were not suspended. Shri Mukherjee is still holding that post. Why is it so?

Sir, in Barrackpur out of 743 booths as many as 500 booths were captured by Congress hooligans. In Katwa many booths were captured. We demanded a re-poll there. Because of this the margin in Dum Dum and Diamond Harbour got substantially reduced. Prof Chakravarty was hurt so seriously that he had to go to hospital. Mr Swaminathan was kept informed about all this through telegrams cables and telephones. I am sorry to say that Mr Swaminathan when he went to Calcutta and held a press conference there did not hear the grievances of the opposition parties before organising the press conference. He said सब कुछ ठीक है।

Sir, in spite of all this there has been massive defeat of the Congress. Under the present circumstances, how can the present West Bengal Government remain in power when it is established that the West Bengal ruling party, the Chief Minister, other Ministers and some senior officials, entered into a conspiracy to commit the most heinous and shameful fraud which has damaged the image of this country in the whole world. In the face of this how can they remain in power and remain re-elected to their chairs. I reiterate that there should be immediate suspension this is absolutely necessary.

MR SPEAKER You have said that, please resume your seat and let the hon. Minister reply.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN Sir, I may submit that the facts about which I have made a statement have been

obtained from the Election Commission. The hon. Member Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu has promised to supply more ballot papers and we shall make further enquiries about them in due course and make further statements. He has also made an allegation that copies of the register were not sent to the candidates about duplicate papers as required by the manager, we shall make enquiries about that. So far as the query as to which officers had been suspended, and what action had been taken, and other allegations about the capture of the booths etc are concerned, we shall ascertain facts and if necessary make a further statement about it. (Interruptions)

AN HON. MEMBER How so many ballot papers came into his hand?

MR SPEAKER Order, order. It is not a question hour. There are many new Members and they may not know the procedure. On call attention notices only those people who give notice will be allowed to ask a question after the hon. Minister has replied. If there are a number of members, the names will be balloted and only 4 or 5 names will be allowed to come and they alone will be allowed to ask questions. No other name is allowed.

We have to go to the next subject and I want to take the opinion of the House as to how many hours they would like to have for the discussion of the Finance Bill. Because already we have spent about two hours and fifteen minutes. The Tamil Nadu Budget, the Pondicherry Budget and the Nagaland Budget are also to be completed today and they will have to be sent to the Rajya Sabha. I think we can devote one hour for each that means three hours and two hours for our budget which means five hours. Even that will be too much today. Still I suggest for the consideration of the House, five hours would be more than enough. I cannot help it because it

[Mr Speaker]

has to go to the Rajya Sabha and there is no other alternative left to us.

PROF DILIP CHAKRAVARTTY
We should like to have a parliamentary probe as demanded by him

MR. SPEAKER You can give notice of that, you are entitled to do that.

श्री अर्जुन सिंह भदौरिया (इटावा) :
श्रीमान्, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। ऐसा लग रहा है कि एमजैसे का भूत हिन्दुस्तान में मरने के बाद लोक सभा के साहे के फाटकों पर आकर जम गया है और आने वाली सदस्या तथा दूसरे व्यक्तियों पर झपटा है। इस स्थिति को समाप्त किया जावे।

MR. SPEAKER It was brought to my notice by the Minister Are the gates still closed? The gates are all open, whatever position was obtaining before 26th June 1975 is being re-established. The position is being reverted. I am told some gates are closed because otherwise they are used as a thoroughfare by people who want to use this as a shortcut, I have already issued instructions that the gates should be opened. But we should not allow others to use this as a thoroughfare or as a shortcut. Otherwise all gates are open, if they are not open, they will be opened immediately

श्री अर्जुन सिंह भदौरिया अध्यक्ष
महोदय, आपने हमारी पूरी बात नहीं सुनी है। मैं अपना पूरी बात कहे बिना नहीं बैठूंगा।
हमारा निवेदन है कि

MR. SPEAKER I have taken pains to explain the position I have already taken steps. The Minister has told me. Instead of taking the time of the House for these things, he could have talked to me (interruptions) I cannot allow this.

श्री अर्जुन सिंह भदौरिया दूसरा तथ्य
जा अभी तक आपने नोटिस में नहीं आया है—
इस संसद के दो अधिकारियों को एमजैसे में पकड़ कर गिरफ्तार किया गया, जेल में भेजा गया, उनको प्रमानित किया गया। लोक सभा और संसद के इन अधिकारियों को अभी तक क्या मुश्किलें रखा गया है या बरखास्त किया गया है, इसको आप कन्सिडर कीजिये। यह सदन का मामला है, सरकार का मामला नहीं है, इस पर खामोश नहीं रहा जा सकता है।

MR. SPEAKER The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has brought it to my notice I have already discussed this matter with him. If you want to waste the time of the House on all issues, everyone can speak, I have no objection. We can just discuss all these problems one day. Otherwise we can go on spending time on these issues. He has told me about the matter and he has brought it to my notice. I have already discussed these things. What is the point then? We all can discuss in this House all matters, about all parliamentary matters not in this way but in a quiet way. You bring it to the notice of the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and he will bring it to my notice. If you are not satisfied, then you can directly come to me. I am available. That is the way of doing things. If the time of the House is taken on these matters, there will be no end to it. As I said we have to pass so many budgets

11.25 hrs

**GENERAL BUDGET, 1977-78—
GENERAL DISCUSSION AND
DEMANDS FOR GRANTS ON
ACCOUNT, 1977-78—contd**

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry) Mr Speaker Sir before I continue my discussion on this budget I do not know whether the Finance Minister is present here. Moreover there is no Minister of State to note down the points. I do not know whether the Finance Minister is hearing my speech from his room so that he may reply to the points raised by me in this House. I do not want to waste the time of the House unless somebody takes note of the points made by me (*Interruptions*)

Mr Speaker, Sir, yesterday, I said that we were all eloquent in saying about the unemployment problem in this country and there is no difference of opinion on this from both the sides of this House that the number of educated unemployed is 60 lakhs, some have said that it is 90 lakhs. But according to the figures available it is about 65 lakhs or 75 lakhs so far as the educated unemployed is concerned. I would like to know from the Finance Minister what is his plan of solving the unemployment problem in 10 years. Even if he has a plan for four months I would like to know how many thousands or how many lakhs of people he is going to employ in this period. I do not find anything concrete in this speech or in the budget proposals. So I would request the Finance Minister to give a categorical reply and by that the people can understand, especially the unemployed who voted for many of us, as to how many unemployed people are going to be employed and in what manner. In connection with progress made so far Mr Subramaniam Swamy yesterday said that it was nature that helped this country very much and

the previous Government cannot take credit for it. I do not agree with him entirely. Of course nature helped us to a great extent. But it is also a question of executing the policies of the previous Government and the Government prior to that mooted the way for progress. It may also be responsible for their failures due to their mode of execution. But I would like to know what is the policy that you are suggesting to avoid future setbacks. In so far as the rivers of this country is concerned I would request the Prime Minister to have life time policy as far as water is concerned. I am coming from the extreme South namely, Pondicherry. We cannot get water if we have a different Government in Tamil Nadu. The same thing may happen to Tamil Nadu if the Government of Karnataka is not prepared to give water to it. Something happened last year and there was a drought and many parts of that State had to go fallow because of water scarcity. Last time we suggested that the nation's water should be the wealth of the whole country. I expect the Finance Minister to come forward with a suggestion that this Government's policy is to nationalise the river waters so that the integrity and the unity of the nation could be maintained at least in the matter of river waters. But that was not there. Yesterday, Mr Subramaniam said—I do not know in what context he said it—a portion of the country is on trial. You cannot forget that most of the members sitting on the opposition side in this House today are from the south. In this connection I would remind the House that from time immemorial the Ganga-Cauvery Project has been talked about in this country. I do not see any mention of it in your programme. You have mentioned about certain other river projects on which a lot of money is going to be spent. Why should not the Janata Government come forward with a bold scheme to unify the country by connecting Ganga and Cauvery, so that the water problem can be solved and the kisans may say happily,

[Shri Aravinda Bala Pajjanor]

"This is really a Janata Government"
But I do not see it in your programme

I now come to the workers in various industries and offices. The people have voted for the Janata Party with the hope that you will give bonus to them. Not only that, we were very eloquent in criticising the previous government for freezing bonus and unnecessarily introducing the compulsory deposit scheme. Now I want to know what is going to be your policy. Are you going to give bonus to the workers? Why not spell it out clearly and categorically. Let us not be escapist once again. I request the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister to spell out the policy regarding bonus and compulsory deposit scheme. On behalf of my party, I demand that the workers must get back their bonus. These are the people who worked for the betterment of the country. I do not agree with Shri Subramaniam Swamy that nature alone has helped the country to improve. The workers in the factories, offices and various other places have also contributed to the development of the country and they must be benefited. One-third of the total number of workers are industrial workers. They must get back their bonus and this compulsory deposit scheme must be abolished. You cannot delay it any more because the poor men want their money back. I request the government to make a categorical statement about it.

Mr Subramaniam was pleading yesterday that the composition of this House must be understood properly. I say with great conviction—not for paying lip service—that this country must be united and live united forever. It was pointed out that we must bow down to the verdict of the people, who are sovereign. I do agree but you must realise that the same people have elected the opposition members also. Taking advantage of the results of the general elections, some people are trying to

create an impression that the north and south cannot co-exist and they say, "You have been thrown out by the people in the elections." The architect of this is Shri Karunanidhi, the discredited former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. In his newspaper *Murasoli* he has already started criticising the previous Prime Minister. The theory of north and south is sought to be revived and it is a very serious matter. I do not say it just because I am sitting on this side of the House. I am happy that the people have voted for the Janata Party in a big way, but as I said, the opposition members also have been elected by the people. Taking advantage of the emergence of the Janata Party Government into power they are spreading this virus in the south saying, "You are not the people who can dictate to us." I want to remind this Government that if you do not take proper action in proper time we will have to pay a very heavy price for it later. I say it from the bottom of my heart that our party has this great conviction that this country must live as a united nation. It is not possible unless you unify it economically. That is why I said, there must be a national policy for the waters of the country. Unless you put down the dissipated tendencies in the south it will assume dangerous proportions. It may be a gainful thing politically to survive but the Prime Minister, with all his experience, I am sure, is attached to principles and policies. I do not think he will encourage these unwanted elements in the country who are trying to divide the country and destroy it. I like to conclude by saying that we will work with you so long as your measures are progressive and are good for the people. But I must tell you that there are dark days ahead and we have miles to go. In this House, there are so many ex-Ministers and learned Members both on this side and on the other side. So I think it is the best opportunity that has been given to us and we must utilise this opportunity; other-

wise we will be condemned by the people. On behalf of my Party, I extend my cooperation and tell you that we will go hand and hand with you so long as your programmes and policies are constructive.

I hope the Finance Minister will come out with clear-cut policies about financial matters at the time of next Budget.

श्री कबर लाल गुप्ता (सदर-दिल्ली) :

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने कल भूतपूर्व फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर का भाषण एक घंटे तक शान्तिपूर्वक सुना। मुझे दुःख के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि उनका भाषण निराशाजनक भाषण था। खास तौर से प्रारम्भ में उन्होंने जो ब्राह्मर-वेशन किया और कई सवाल उठाए। उन्होंने कहा कि श्री मधु लिमये और जार्ज पनन्डीज अपने रास्ते को छोड़ कर दूसरे रास्ते से चुन कर आये हैं। वे यहाँ पर नहीं हैं। मैं उनसे पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह क्रेडिट की बात है या डिफिट की बात है? जनता पार्टी के अनुसार यह बहुत बड़े क्रेडिट की बात है। देश का कोई भी व्यक्ति देश के किसी भी हिस्से से चुना जाए इससे बड़ी क्रेडिट की बात क्या हो सकती है। मैं आपको याद दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि श्री अजित प्रसाद जैन जो कि यू० पी० के रहन वाणे थे, आप लोग ने उन्हें साउथ से चुनवाया था और छत्रवारा में इस बात की घोषणा की थी कि यू० पी० का एक व्यक्ति साउथ से चुना गया है। अब तो वह क्रेडिट की बात थी, आज डिफिट की बात बँगे हो गयी। क्या आप लोग इसको क्रेडिट की बात मानते हैं कि आप देश के विभिन्न हिस्सों से अपनी रिस्पेन्सरी जनाएँ? यह कहें कि गुजरात की मैं कहूँ हूँ, पंजाब की मैं साहू हूँ और दूसरी जगह की मैं यह हूँ। जनता पार्टी की सारे देश में एक ही रिस्पेन्सरी है कि देश के सभी वाली हमारे भाई रहन हैं। एक दिन वह भी आने वाला है जब तमिलनाडु के लोग दिल्ली में चुन कर यहाँ आये और दिल्ली के लोग तमिलनाडु से यहाँ चुन कर आये।

हम ऐसा वातावरण देश में पैदा करना चाहते हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, देश ने एक नयी करवट ली है। भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री ने बहुत सारी बातें बताईं लेकिन मैं उनकी सेवा में यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने अपने पिछले बजट भाषण में क्या बातें कही थी और जिनका उन्होंने बहुत डिबेटोरी पीटा था। उन्होंने कहा था—

"With the resolute and dynamic leadership the new programme has generated an unprecedented sense of discipline and dedication in every field of economic life."

यह बात कह कर उन्होंने शुरूआत की थी। उन्होंने कहा कि एक बहुत बोल्ट कार्यक्रम उन्होंने लिया है। लेकिन स्थिति क्या है यह हमारे वित्त मंत्री जी ने बता दी है। उन्होंने बताया है कि डिफिट पहले से ज्यादा बढ़ गया है। बजट का डिफिट जो 328 करोड़ होना था उसकी जगह अब वह 425 करोड़ का होगा इस साल। इसके अतिरिक्त इस साल में जो स्थिति आने वाली है वह यह है कि अगर यह जो फारेन एक्चेंज 1 रुपया घाट सी करोड़ के कर ब आने वाला है हमको अगर रोक कर रख दिया जाए, यह न आए तो 632 करोड़ का डिफिट होगा। यह है वह स्थिति जो इनकी सरकारों हमारे सामने खड़ी की है। जनता पार्टी के जो नए वित्त मंत्री हैं उनको यह जो चैलेंज है हमको स्वीकार करना है और इस चैलेंज को जनता पार्टी स्वीकार करनी है। हमारी इकोनामिक हलत को डोलटुम्ब म कर दिया गया है, कम्पनीट मेग में गड़बड़ कर दिया गया है, प्राइस लोगों के पाग परबेजिंग पावर नहीं है, कपड़े आदि का स्टोर मिनी में पड़ा हुआ है, मिर्चें काम नहीं कर रही हैं। लेकिन बड़ी यही बातें हमारे इन भाइयों ने की हैं, बड़ी गोड़ी पिचकर पेंट की है और कहा है कि हमने बहुत आर्थिक प्रगति की है। मैं समझता

डाल दिया गया। बहुत सारी सस्थाओं पर पाबन्दी लगायी गई। यहाँ तक हुआ कि दिल्ली के अन्दर इमरजेंसी को जब एक साल पूरा हुआ तो दिल्ली के कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने यह घोषणा की कि दिल्ली के अन्दर लोग अपने घरों और दुकानों पर झंडे लगायेंगे। जो प्रदेश कांग्रेस के मंत्री थे उन्होंने कहा कि एक एक झंडा कांग्रेस का 50, 50 रु० में बिकेगा और झंडे बाहर से मंगाए गए। तो हमने लोगों से पूछा कि 50 रु० का झंडा कहाँ से मिला तो लोका ने कहा कि झंडा 2 रु० का और 43 रु० का झंडा था। इसलिये इस 50 रु० के झंडे की वजह से हमें भी कांग्रेस को झंडा लगाना पड़ा। इस तरह से सारे देश में कांग्रेस पार्टी में आतंक जमा कर के इस देश को इतना बदनाम किया जाता कि इतिहास में इस देश में कभी नहीं हुआ।

मैं जस्टिस करना चाहता हूँ कांग्रेस पार्टी के साथ भी और हमारी पहली प्रधान मंत्री के साथ भी। उन को दो बातों के लिये बर्खास्त देना चाहता हूँ। पहली बात तो यह कि हमारी जो छोटी छोटी पार्टियाँ थी, दो, तीन साल से एक होने का प्रयास कर रहे थे लेकिन हम एक नहीं हो पाते थे, प्रधान मंत्री ने सब पार्टियों के लोगों को पकड़ कर जेल में कर दिया और कहा कि जब तक आप एक नहीं होंगे तब तक नहीं छोड़ा जायेगा। हम एक हो गये और जनता ने कांग्रेस के आल्टरनेटिव के रूप में एक जनता पार्टी ला कर सामने खड़ी कर दी। इस के लिये मैं इन्दिरा जी को बर्खास्त देना चाहता हूँ।

दूसरी बर्खास्त इस बात के लिये देना चाहता हूँ कि पहल हम लोग हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिख ईसाई, मजदूर और वकील के रूप में अलग अलग दिशा में सोचा करते थे। इन्दिरा जी ने फिर 1960 के दशक में नहीं छोड़ा, मजदूरों का बोनस ले लिया गया, कम ससरी रिटायरमेंट कर दिया, ट्रेड्स को बहुत तग किया और इस प्रकार सब को एक जगह एकत्र होने के लिए बाध्य किया। उन्होंने कहा कि तुम कांग्रेस पार्टी के साथ आओ वही 1960 आप

का सहारा है। हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिख ईसाई में जो भेदभाव समाप्त नहीं हो सका वह इन्दिरा जी ने अपने कामों से 19 महीनों में कर दिया। मैं इस के लिये उन को बर्खास्त देना चाहता हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं पहले जनसचय कटिकट पर कई बार चुनाव में खड़ा हुआ और मुसलमानों के वोट मुझे कम मिलते थे, मुश्किल से 2 प्रतिशत ही मिलते थे। लेकिन अब की बार मुझे 99 प्रतिशत मुसलमानों के वोट मिले, और इन सब का श्रेय श्रीमती इन्दिरा जी को है कि उन्होंने जनता पार्टी के झंडे के नीचे सब लोगों को कांग्रेस पार्टी के आल्टरनेटिव के रूप में खड़ा कर दिया। आज कुछ लोग बातें करने होंगे कि हम टूट जायेंगे। लेकिन यह भी उन्होंने देख लिया कि जनता पार्टी एक है और एक रहेगी और हमने जो वायदे किये हैं चुनाव के अन्दर उन को भी हम पूरा करेंगे।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपने वित्त मंत्री से कहना चाहता हूँ कि एक बहुत बड़ा चैलेंज है इकोनामिक इग्नूज के ऊपर। जा बोनस पिछली सरकार ने काटा है आप को उस पर विचार करना चाहिये और मजदूरों की जो परचेजिंग पेंसेसिटी खत्म हो गई है उस को पुन मजदूरों को बोनस देकर सरकार को रेस्टोर करना चाहिये। जो पिछली सरकार ने सरकारी कर्मचारियों का डी० ए० भी किया है उस पर भी विचार होना चाहिये और वह पेंशन न हो बल्कि उन को दिया जाय इस बात की भी व्यवस्था होनी चाहिये।

आपने कहा कि डेफिजिट प्राइजोनिंग नहीं करेंगे। यह बहुत अच्छी बात है। लेकिन मैं चाहूँगा कि वित्त मंत्री जी ऐसा भी न हों कि 600 करोड़ से ऊपर का जो डेफिजिट प्राइजोनिंग हुआ है उसको नये टैक्स लगा कर पूरा करें। बल्कि जो बेकार के खर्चे छिन्न सरकार ने बढ़ा रखे हैं उनको कम किया जाय और डेफिजिट प्राइजोनिंग को कम किया जाय इस के अलावा रेवेन्यू

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हू कि नारेबाजी का जमाना चला गया है और जनता ने बता दिया है कि आप कहाँ खड़े हैं जनता की राय आपके बारे में क्या है इसको भी जनता ने आपको बहुत स्पष्ट बता दिया है।

इस साल एग्रिकल्चरल प्रोडक्शन 11.6 मिलियन टन होगी ऐसा अनुमान लगाया गया है और यह पिछले साल से केवल दो प्रतिशत ज्यादा है जब कि 1975-76 में यह पैदावार दस परसेंट ज्यादा हुई थी। क्या यह प्रगति है? उन्होंने एक घटा भाषण किया है और कहा है कि हालत बहुत सुधर गई है। क्या यही सुधार है? जनता को मालूम है कि कितना सुधार हुआ है।

आप एम्प्लायमेंट की बात को लें। जुलाई, 1974 में 8.6 मिलियन लोग एम्प्लायमेंट एक्सेविज में रजिस्टर्ड थे और दो साल बाद यानी जुलाई, 1976 में उनकी संख्या 9.7 मिलियन हो गई। करीब एक मिलियन से ज्यादा इस संख्या में बढ़ोतरी हो गई। आज तो यह संख्या और भी ज्यादा बढ़ गई है।

जो बातें उन्होंने कही हैं वे तथ्या से परे हैं। कांग्रेस वालों को चाहिये कि सम्बन्धी सम्बन्धी बातें कहना वे छोड़ दें। अपने घर को टटोलें और पता लगाए कि उनकी हार क्या हुई। केवल नारेबाजी से देश आगे नहीं जा सकता। देश को आगे ले जाने के लिए कोई न कोई काम करना पड़ेगा।

उन्होंने कहा है कि इस साल बजट एला केन 1.76 परसेंट बढ़ाया गया है। एला केन बढ़ाए के बाद भी जितना एम्प्लायमेंट होना चाहिए था नहीं हुआ है। हमारे इन भाइयों की पालिसीज इम्प्लायमेंट प्रोमोविंग नहीं थी। जनता पार्टी ने एक बात कही है कि राइट टू वर्क एक हमारा फंडामेंटल अधिकार होगा, एक मौलिक अधिकार होगा।

कोई भी व्यक्ति हिन्दुस्तान का अगर उसको नौकरी नहीं मिलती है, वे 7 हैं वह भा कर कह सकता है कि मुझे काम चाहिये और जनता प 5। 5। हुकूमत उसको काम देगी और जब तक उसको काम नहीं दिया जायेगा तब तक उसको भसा दिया जायेगा ताकि वह अपना निर्वाह कर स 1। यह एक डेफिनिट चीज है जो हमारे मैनिफेस्टो में बही गई है। मैं च हूँ कि पिछले वित्त मंत्री हमारे मैनिफेस्टो के बारे में कुछ कहने। ने उन्हीं को कुछ नहीं कहा। उन्होंने अपनी ही सम्बन्धी लम्बी बातें कहीं हैं कि हमने य, किया, वह किया। आपने जो कुछ किया उस पर जनता ने अपना वाइजिट दे दिया है।

उन्होंने साउथ और नार्थ की बात कही। यह उचित नहीं था। हमारे मैनिफेस्टो में साफ लिखा है कि एम्प्लायमेंट प्रोमोविंग और स्माल इंडस्ट्रीज को हम बढ़ावा देंगे, बड़ी बड़ी मशीनरी नहीं लगाएंगे, जहा आवश्यक होगा वही लगाएंगे, लेकिन अधिकांश में हम छोटी छोटी मशीनरी लगा कर, छोटी छोटी स्माल स्केल इंडस्ट्रीज लगा कर ताकि ज्यादा लोग को नौकरी मिल सके लोगो के लिए अवसर उपलब्ध करेंगे और ये गावा में सँगेगी। साथ ही उन्होंने यह कहा है कि बड़ी इंडस्ट्री वाले लोग वहा पर न लगा पाए इस बात की भी व्यवस्था की जायेगी।

भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री ने स्वीकार किया है कि पहले से 15 प्रतिशत दाम बढ़ गए हैं और 1974 में दामों का जो नेवल था उस पर वे आ गए हैं। इसका मतलब यह हुआ जो इमरजेंसी लगाई गई, जो आपने डिसिस्तिन की बात कही प्रोग्रेस की बात वही प्रोडक्शन में बढ़ोतरी की बात कही वह सब बेकार थी। 1974 की स्थिति और आज की स्थिति में कोई अन्तर नहीं है।

जो कुछ भी कहा गया है वह राजनीतिक दृष्टिकोण से कहा गया है। देश में भालक पैदा किया गया। लाखों लोगों की जेलों में

डाल दिया गया। बहुत सारी सस्यामों पर पाबन्दी लगायी गई। यहाँ तक हुआ कि दिल्ली के मन्दिर इमारतों की जो अब एक साल पूरा हुआ तो दि ली के कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने यह घोषणा की कि दिल्ली के मन्दिर लोग अपने घरों और दुकानों पर झड़े लगायेंगे। जो प्रदेश कांग्रेस के मंत्री ने उन्होंने कहा कि एक एक झड़ा कांग्रेस का 50, 50 रु० में बियेगा और झड़े बाहर से मगाए गए। तो हमने लोगों से पूछा कि 50 रु० का झड़ा कहाँ से मिला तो लोको ने कहा कि झड़ा 2 रु० का और 43 रु० का झड़ा था। इसलिये इस 50 रु० के झड़े की वजह से हम भी कांग्रेस को डडा लगाता पड़ा। इस तरह से सारे देश में कांग्रेस पार्टी ने आतंक जमा कर के इस देश को इतना बदनाम किया जैसा कि इतिहास में इस देश में कभी नहीं हुआ।

मैं जस्टिस करना चाहता हूँ कांग्रेस पार्टी के साथ भी और हमारी पहली प्रधान मंत्री के साथ भी। उन की दो बातों के लिये बधाई देना चाहता हूँ। पहली बात तो यह कि हमारी जो छोटी छोटी पाटिया थी, दो, तीन साल से एक होने का प्रयास कर रहे थे लेकिन हम एक नहीं हो पाते थे, प्रधान मंत्री ने सब पाटियों के लगे को पकड़ कर जेल में कर दिया और कहा कि जब तक आप एक नहीं होगे तब तक नहीं छोड़ा जायेगा। हम एक हो गये और जनता ने कांग्रेस के आल्टरनेटिव के रूप में एक जनता पार्टी ला कर सामने खड़ी कर दी। इस के लिये मैं इन्दिरा जी को बधाई देना चाहता हूँ।

दूसरी बधाई इस बात के लिये देना चाहता हूँ कि पहले हम लोग हिन्दु, मुसलमान, सिख ईसाई, मजदूर और वकील के रूप में भलग भलग दिशा में सोचा करते थे। इन्दिरा जी ने हिन्दु, मुसलमान का नहीं छोड़ा, मजदूरों का बोनस ले लिया गया, कम लसरी रिटायर-मेंट कर दिया, ट्रेड्स को बहुत तग बिया और इस प्रकार सब को एक जगह एकत्र होने के लिए बाध्य किया। उन्होंने कहा कि तुम जनता पार्टी के साथ जाओ वही रास्ता आप

का सहारा है। हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिख ईसाई में जो भेदभाव समाप्त नहीं हो सका, वह इन्दिरा जी ने अपने कामों से 19 महीनों में कर दिया। मैं इस के लिये उन को बधाई देना चाहता हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं पहले जनसघ कटिवट पर कई बार चुनाव में खड़ा हुआ और मुसलमानों के वोट मुझे कम मिलते थे, मुश्किल से 2 प्रतिशत ही मिलते थे। लेकिन अब दो बार मुझे 99 प्रतिशत मुसलमानों के वोट मिले, और इन सब का श्रेय श्रीमती इन्दिरा जी को है कि उन्होंने जनता पार्टी के झड़े के नीचे सब लोगों को कांग्रेस पार्टी के आल्टरनेटिव के रूप में खड़ा कर दिया। आज कुछ लोग बातें करते होंगे कि हम टूट जायेंगे। लेकिन यह भी उन्होंने देख लिया कि जनता पार्टी एक है और एक रहेगी और हमने जो वायदे किये हैं चुनाव के मन्दिर उन को भी हम पूरा करेंगे।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अपने वित्त मंत्री से कहना चाहता हूँ कि एक बहुत बड़ा चैलेंज है इकोनामिक इश्यू के ऊपर। जो बोनस पिछली सरकार ने बाँटा है आप को उस पर विचार करना चाहिये और मजदूरों की जो परचेजिंग कैंपेसिटी खत्म हो गई है उस को पुनः मजदूरों को बोनस देकर सरकार को रेस्टोर करना चाहिये। जो पिछली सरकार ने सरकारी कर्मचारियों का डी० ए० भी किया है उस पर भी विचार होना चाहिये और वह फीज न हो बल्कि उन को दिया जाय इस बात की भी व्यवस्था होनी चाहिये।

आपने कहा कि डेफिसिट फाइनेंसिंग नहीं करेंगे। यह बहुत अच्छी बात है। लेकिन मैं चाहूँगा कि वित्त मंत्री जी ऐसा भी न हो कि 600 करोड़ से ऊपर का जो डेफिसिट फाइनेंसिंग हुआ है उसको नये टैक्स लगा कर पूरा करें। बल्कि जो बेकार के खर्चे छुट्टी, सरकार ने बढ़ा रखे हैं उनको कम किया जाय और डेफिसिट फाइनेंसिंग को कम किया जाय इस के अलावा रेवेन्यू

[श्री कव सात गु 1]

का बचतान जा धाज कम हो रहा है उस को धीर बढ़ाया जाय । इस तरह से डेफिसिट पाडनेमिंग कम हो सकता है । लेकिन मैं हूँ। चाहूंगा कि इस प्रकार जनता पर धीर पैम मगें । पहले ही काफी पैम लग गये हैं, धीर पैम नहीं लगने चाहिये ।

आखिर मे मैं मंत्री महादय को बधाई देना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने बहुत मर्यादा में कहा, प्रधान मंत्री को भी बधाई देना चाहता हूँ जो कि पहले प्रधान मंत्री है, जिन्होंने कहा कि जनता का इरला नहीं चाहिये, जनता को डेविंग फार आन्टिग नही होना चाहिये । वह हमारी मालिक है धीर हम उनके सेवक है ।

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी और कांग्रेस का राज्य डडे का राज्य था, महा पर लोग गूगे बंटे थे । द्रोपदी का धीर रीचा जा रहा था धीर महा पर बडे-बडे बाडा बोन नहीं सकते थे । हम कहते थे कि कांग्रेस की जवान है बोलिये लेकिन वह कहते थे कि हम बोलिये तो श्री चन्द्र शेखर की जगह जायेंगे, माहन धारिया की जगह जायेंगे ।

आज जनता पार्टी की दुकूमन होने के बाद अभ्युदय महोदय, मेर पास एक् सच्चा बोडा स्टेटमेंट है, जिसे 14 कांग्रेस के नेताओ न दिया है । उन्होंने माग की है कि सजय गांधी और इरने जो कांग्रेस के नेता है, इनको कांग्रेस में हटाया जाना चाहिये ।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं वित्त मंत्री महादय का फिर बधाई देना चाहता हूँ जो इरने शानदार तरीक से उन्होंने यह बजट महा पेश किया है ।

SHRI SOUGATA ROY (Barrack-pore) In my maiden speech let me congratulate the Members of the new Government and particularly the Prime Minister, Shri Morarji Desai, and the Finance Minister Shri H. M. Patel.

I understand that our party has been defeated in the Lok Sabha elections This point has been reiterated by many Members of the ruling benches We admit that our party has been defeated, but let them also remember that we are more than 150 Members sitting on this side of the House

The main point is that the Finance Minister, in presenting the Budget, has said that he has not had the time to formulate the policies and philosophies of the new Government It is quite understandable that the party which has been voted to power cannot within such a short time, formulate its policies and we, as a constructive Opposition, will offer our suggestions to the Government to help them formulate their policies The Prime Minister has invited our constructive co-operation and our leader, Shri Y B Chavan has offered the same So, we will help them formulate their new policies, but I want to say that that I expected something more from this Budget This is a drab and dull Budget this is an Accountant's Budget, this is a bureaucrat's Budget, this is not a Finance Minister's Budget. This is a statement of accounts. It could at least have given some sense of direction to the country, his own vision of the future of the country but it holds out no commitment for the future As a young man of this country I would like to know from the Finance Minister what direction he would like the country to take in future

MR SPEAKER This is only a vote on account.

SHRI SOUGATA ROY At least the priorities should have been fixed, but nothing has been done I can understand the reasons for the delay I know that there are those in the ruling party who believe in the philosophy of laissez faire that there are those in

the ruling party who believe in capitalism that there are those in the ruling party who believe in the cow and dung economy that in the ruling party there are fire eating socialists who would like the maximum income to be reduced to Rs 1000 that there are those who want an immediate socialist revolution and that is why he has not come out with any proposals today

But I would like to emphasize that though the Janta Party has been voted to power it should be kept in mind that it has been a negative vote a vote given in anger an emotional vote that it is not a vote against the economic policies of the Congress Government against the public sector against self reliance against socialism against the policies which were being pursued so long We would like to know from the ruling benches whether all the good work that has been done in the last few years will be reversed whether the nationalisation of banks which was such a revolutionary step in our country is going to be reversed what priorities have been fixed for the public sector by this Government what is being done for the poor agricultural labourers by this Government What ever you may say of the 20 point programme at least it laid down the priorities in this country

These are parliamentary etiquettes The maiden speech of an hon Member should not be interrupted Let them learn parliamentary etiquette It is all right that people have voted in anger against the Government It is ultimately their economic problems which need to be solved If their economic problems are not solved then the people will rise up as one man against this Government If this Government gives a leeway to smugglers black marketeers profiteers and hoarders in the name of freedom and democracy, people are going to stand up against this Government. It is all right that smugglers like Sukur Bakhia and Yusuf Patel have been released. (Interruptions)

I want to say a few things about the new policies Mr Kanwar Lal Gupta has pointed out that the Janta Party in its manifesto has said that they will introduce an unemployment insurance scheme I come from a State where the number of educated unemployed is the largest, in this country I will be the first person to congratulate the Minister if he declares this scheme for all the unemployed in the country I want to hear in his reply where they are going to introduce this scheme Mr Madhu Dandavate in spite of all haggling from some colleagues did not declare bonus for the railway men yesterday It is all right to talk about unemployment insurance scheme but I want to hear from him where he is going to introduce it I come from a State where the number of unemployed is growing fast

The last Government had introduced a special employment programme and an additional employment programme for the employees and that programme was initiated by Mr Mohan Dharma who fortunately has become a Minister of Commerce in the new Government I want to know whether any such employment special programme or additional employment programme is going to be introduced under this Government so that we can have some hope for the future? I want to express my happiness that very responsible people have taken charge of this Government.

Our economy is on a sound footing and the foreign exchange reserves stand at Rs 2800 crores We do not want these foreign exchange reserves to be frittered away nor do we want cosmetics lipsticks and other things to be frittered away We want them to be used for the purpose of taking India towards self reliance I may submit that India is on the threshold of self reliance as far as economy is concerned As far as fertilisers and food are concerned we are on the verge of self-reliance Now, a little sophistication on our part of technology, modern

[Shri Sougata Roy]

know how electronics space and a little more know how in our areas of exploration will take the country forward towards self reliance We offer our full cooperation to this new Government If this Government takes some concrete steps our country can go forward towards self reliance It has been already a declared aim of our Government

In this context I want to emphasise that let this Government not open doors to multi nationals who have been eating the life blood of our country These people have repatriated huge profits from our country We want that no more concession should be given to the multi nationals If it has already been done then those concessions should be reduced

Now I want to deal with the situation in the jute industry In my constituency there are 23 jute mills out of 62 in West Bengal Four of them are closed The jute workers have suffered the maximum loss during the last one year and 50 000 workers have been thrown out of employment Still four jute mills are closed in my constituency I hope that the new Government will sanction money for the opening of these jute mills through the IDBI IRCI and other financial institutions

12 00 hrs.

I submit that to solve the basic problems of Indian economy these three industries, jute textile and sugar which are connected with agricultural produce should be nationalised If you want to save the farmers who are producing these cash crops and if you want to save the workers who are working in these fields these industries, jute textile and sugar, must be nationalised We have seen how at the time of the Bangladesh crisis the magnates of jute industry earned profits to the tune of crores of rupees by under invoicing and over invoicing and they minted money like anything

But when there is a little slump in the jute market, they retrench the jute workers and throw them out of employment Unless we nationalise jute textile and sugar industries these people can get no remedy So I would urge upon the new Government to nationalise these three industries

The new Government has got the goodwill of the people It has got all the goodwill of the Opposition For the first time a constructive Opposition in the House has come into being We hope with the help of the constructive Opposition the Government will take steps which will take us towards self reliance and achieve the objective of socialism which is enshrined in our Constitution which means food clothing and shelter for all the people of India

MR SPEAKER Shri Ishwar Chaudhuri not here Shri L. N Pandey not here Shri Sukhdev Prasad Verma not here

SHRI SHEO NARAIN (Basti) May I make a submission? You have a list before you But some of the Members in the list are not present here We are sitting in the House and we should be called

MR SPEAKER Order, order The list is submitted to me by the party When the list is given to me I call the Members from the list The other Members who want to speak may contact the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and come through him I cannot throw away the list and call all the Members The list has to come from the party

AN HON MEMBER **

MR SPEAKER It cannot be raised now You wanted to raise it during the Zero hour Where is the Zero hour? I do not know There is no Zero hour I will not allow any Zero hour It will not be recorded You can inform the Minister

about it You cannot raise it whenever you choose It is not possible The House cannot be run like that

Shri Ugrasen

श्री उग्रसेन (देवरिया) अध्यक्ष महोदय, बिब्ल इस के कि सामान्य बजट पर मैं अपनी राय जाहिर करूँ मैं अपने वित्त मंत्री का शुक्रिया अदा करना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने कम से कम एक बहुत साफ बात कही और यह बताया कि यह जो बजट वितरित किया गया है इस में हमारे दृष्टिकोण, नीतियों और कार्यक्रमों की झलक नहीं है। मैं इससे इतनाफा करता हूँ। मैं अभी सुन रहा था अपने जिगर के टुकड़े, वेस्ट बंगाल के साथी को और इस के पहले मैंने पांडिचेरी के माननीय सदस्य की बातों को सुना। पांडिचेरी में तो गुरु धरविंद का आश्रम है वहाँ से तमाम दुनिया को रोगनी मिलती है लेकिन लगना है माननीय सदस्य सी पी आई के हैं इन्हें रोगनी नहीं मिली। मैं इन को जानता हूँ। बम्बई में मैंने कम्युनिस्टों के साथ काम किया है। मैं अपने दोनों दोस्तों को लेनिन का एक वाक्य पढ़ कर सुनाना चाहता हूँ। लेनिन ने लिखा है

One struggle is far far better than thousands of programmes

हजारों कार्यक्रमों से एक संघर्ष अच्छा होता है। उन्होंने लेनिन को पढ़ा, मार्क्स को पढ़ा लेकिन वहाँ जवानी जमा खर्च नहीं है। हमारे गुरु लोहिया जी कहते थे कि “बोल से बाम मन चलाना, काम से बोल चलाना”। पांडिचेरी के माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि नौकरी बँसे मिलेगी—यह सवाल मोहनरामा मन्थन आश्रम, जो कि दिल्ली दरबार में बैठे थे, उनसे पूछना चाहिए था। मेरे गुरु, डॉ० लोहिया जी ने 1952 में कहा था कि नौकरी देने के लिए भूमि सेना बनाइये, शिक्षा सेना बनाइये, लोगो को उसमें भर्ती कीजिए, उनको 25-30 रुपया दीजिए और थोड़ी सी जमीन दीजिए। मोहनरामा

के वालिद साहब ने यहाँ दिल्ली में गमलों में खेती शुरू कर दी थी जबकि हम लोग जो उत्तर प्रदेश के पिछड़े इलाके के हैं उनके पास खेत नहीं है।

कहा गया कि राष्ट्रीयकरण होना चाहिए। मैं पूछता हूँ क्या आप पहले सो रहे थे। हमने चिट्ठी लिखी थी डागे साहब को और आप तो उनकी बगल में बैठे हुए थे। इस दश में राष्ट्रीयकरण का कल्ले आम किया गया। मैं आपसे कहना चाहता हूँ कि जनता गवर्नमेंट को बहुत काम करना पड़ेगा। तीस वर्षों में जो राष्ट्रीयकरण किया गया है वह राष्ट्रीयकरण नहीं था वह तो सरकारीकरण था। आप पब्लिक सेक्टर की बात करते हैं। मुद्राईमन्थन साहब यहाँ पर नहीं हैं। मैं जानता हूँ पब्लिक सेक्टर में पहले घाटा हुआ। मैं जेल में पड़ा करता था कि भिनाई, दुर्गापुर में भट्ठी टूट गई। आज मंत्री जी ने उद्घाटन किया और अगले दिन भट्ठी टूट गई।

15 अगस्त, 1947 को क्या हुआ ? दुष्प्रत कुमार न लिया था।

कहा तो तय था चिरागा हर एक घर के लिए कहा चिराग मयस्मर नहीं शहर के लिए। पटे कमोड़ तो पावों से पेट डक लेवें।

ये लोग किनसे मुनासिब है इस सरकार के लिए।

पांडिचेरी के धरविन्द आश्रम के गुरु जरा हमें बतावें कि तीस वर्षों में क्या किया है। मैं आपसे कहना चाहता हूँ कि इस देश में कोई राष्ट्रीयकरण नहीं हुआ है। सही मायने में राष्ट्रीयकरण के लिए हमारी जनता सरकार को बहुत कुछ करना पड़ेगा।

[1 उमैन]

आज आप कहते हैं कि महगाई भत्ता बढ़ा दिया जाये । मैं नहीं चाहता कि महगाई भत्ता बढ़े । मैं चाहता हूँ कि दाम बाध दिए जायें । जो चीनी 8 आन किनो बनती है वह 12 आन किनो बिकने के बजाय साढ़े चार रुपए किलो बिक रही है । बम्बई में जहाँ चार आने गज कपड़ा बनता है वह उत्तर प्रदेश के पूवाचन में, जहाँ पर साढ़े तीन करोड़ अमार्गे लोग रहते हैं, जहाँ इन्मानियत जीने के लिए तरसती है, चार रुपए गज बेचा जा रहा है । ऐसा क्यों ? आपने "मिक मिल" का एक नारा दिया । बड़े मिया बड़े मिया, छोटे मिया मुभान अन्नाह । बाम्ये इडिया यूनाइटेड मिल की यूनियन में 1945-46 में मैं काम करता था । तब बम्बई में किनना ही उत्पादन होता था लेकिन जब वह मिक से मिल हो गई तो करोड़ों का बर्जा लाद दिया गया । हमने माग की, जेल में चिट्ठी लिखी कि आप मोटा कपड़ा बनाइए और सस्ता कपड़ा दीजिए लेकिन आप बड़िया छोट बनाकर अरब वर्ड में भेज रहे हैं । आपको विश्व शानि की बड़ी चिन्ता थी लेकिन इस देश में जो गरीब लोग हैं उत्तर प्रदेश में, वेस्ट बंगाल में, असम, तेलंगाना और केरल में बहुत से ऐसे इलाके हैं और तमिल नाडू में भी ऐसे इलाके के लाग हैं उनके लिए कपड़ा नहीं बनता है । अब यह बात चलने वाली नहीं है । इसलिए मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि आप महगाई भत्ता मत बढ़ायें, आप दामों को बाध दें । दूसरी बात यह है कि जो एयाशी न खर्च हैं उनको आप बन्द कर दें । आज तो इनकी मिला में रिफीजरेटर बन रहे हैं और एच एम टी की घड़िया बन रही है जब कि हमारे मा बाप के पास खाने के लिए नहीं है । इसी मदन में हमारे गुरु डा० लक्ष्मि ने आक्टे पेज किये थे, तब इस देश की 43 करोड़ की भयादी में 27 करोड़ लोग 2 तीन आने रोज पर गुजर कर रहे थे । साढ़े 16 ०२ २ लोग

एक हाथा रोज पर गुजर कर रहे थे । 50 लाख लोग 34 रुपए से लेकर तीन लाख रुपया रोज कमा रहे थे । टाटा, बिड़ला, सिंधानिया, नागरमल मूरजमल, बजाज, खेनान, रुगटा चूगटा—यह लोग तीन लाख रुपया रोज ले रहे हैं । यह जिम्मेदारी है बह्दाण साहब की और उनकी सरकार की । हिन्दुस्तान की 60 करोड़ जनता के मामले उनको जवाब देना पड़ेगा । तीन लाख रक्मा रोज बिड़ला जी कमायें और मेरा बाप गाड़े तीन आना रोज कमाये । हमारे लोंदिया जी कहा करते थे कि जब हिन्दुस्तान आजाद होगा तो यहाँ किसान और मजदूरों का राज्य होगा, यहाँ पर लोक-भोजन होगा लोक भाषा होगी लोक-भूषा होगी लेकिन क्या हुआ—रेल भवन बन गया, भोजन भवन बन गया, निर्माण भवन बन गया मेरे बाप-दादा ने भी इन भवनों को नहीं देखा होगा, मैं पूछता हूँ कि इन को क्या जरूरत थी । राउपनि महीदय इनने बड़े बगले में रहते हैं, क्यों रहते हैं ? एक बार हमारे प० जवाहर लाल नेहरू नियन्ताम गये, हाँ-ची मिन्ह माहब से मिलने गये । उन्होंने उन को बाम की चट्टाई पर बैठाया । पंडित जी को परेशानी हुई उन का सान घुटने लगा । हाँ-ची मिन्ह माहब गमन गये कि हिन्दुस्तान के बजारे आराम को कुछ तकनीक है रही है । उन्होंने कहा— "सहित जी, हमारा देश बहुत गरीब है ।" वहीं वियननाम आगे चल कर किनना उचा उठा आप सब ज नन हैं ।

अभ्यस महोदय, अब मैं रो-जीन मुझाव देना चाहता हूँ—आप रेफीजरेटर न बनाइए मोटा कपड़ा बनाइए । कालगेट पउडर बनाने की जरूरत नहीं है सस्ती दवायें बनाइए । स्टैंडी-माइमीन दवा पब्लिक सेंटर में बनती है उस की मुर्द 67 आने की होती है लेकिन हमारे यहाँ 3 रुपये की बिकती है । हिन्दुस्तान के जनता रोटी-कपड़ा चाहती है सस्ती दवाइयें ।

चाहती है। हम को आशीर्वाद दीजिये ताकि हमारी सरकार हिन्दुस्तान की जनता को रटी कपड़ा और मकान दे सके।

अभी इन्होंने यहाँ पर योजनाओं का जिक्र किया। हमारे पाण्डिचेरी के नुमाइन्दे साहब ने गंगा और कावेरी के जल को मिलाने का सुझाव दिया। अध्यक्ष महोदय राव साहब मेरे दोस्त थे। मैं शुरू से ही सिंचाई योजनाओं में दिलचस्पी रखता हूँ, इस के बारे में काफी जानकारी रखता हूँ। राव साहब ने मुझ से कहा था—मैं तो चाहता हूँ लेकिन हमारी सरकार ऐसा नहीं चाहती है। न्यूयार्क में पानी के बारे में जो कांग्रेस हुई थी—राव साहब ने बड़े दर्द भरे शब्दों में वहाँ पर इस आवाज को उठाया था। मैं आप को बतलाऊँ—मूरर की दो योजनाएँ ऐसी हैं जिन से उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में क्रांति हो सकती है—घाघरा नदी पर 'करनाली योजना' और रापती नदी पर 'जल कुण्डी योजना'—करनाली पर 450 रुपये खर्च आयेगा और जलकुण्डी पर 300 करोड़ रुपये खर्च आयेगा। अगर इन दो योजनाओं को बना दिया जाय तो उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्वी क्षेत्र के साठे तीन करोड़ लोगों की विरमत खुल जायेगी।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, ये लोग योजनाओं की बात करते हैं—इन की सब योजनाएँ बागड़ी हैं। मैं वित्त मंत्री जी से यह कहूँगा कि सब से पहले इन की सारी बागड़ी योजनाओं की होली जल्दा बीजिये, जिस तरह से मौसा और डी० आई० आर० की होली जलवाई गई है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं जब बम्बई में था तो वहाँ मैंने एच० विलाव पढ़ी थी। यह विलाव नेशनल प्लानिंग कमेटी की रिपोर्ट है, जिस के चेयरमैन प० जवाहर लाल नेहरू

थे। यह कमेटी 1938 में बनी थी, 1939 में इस का काम शुरू हुआ—यह काम बीच में रुक गया, फिर 1945 में शुरू हुआ। इस कमेटी के सामने यह सवाल था कि गांव कैसे बचाए जायें? रूरल हाउसिंग के लिए क्या अमेनिटीज दी जायें? लेकिन हुआ क्या? दिल्ली बस गई, लखनऊ बस गया, लेकिन गांव उजड़ गये। यह हज़रत गज है यह चौपाटी है, यह सान्ताक्रूज है, मादुगा है, बरली है—हम जिन चाला में बम्बई में रहते थे, वे आज दिखाई नहीं पड़ते हैं।

नेशनल प्लानिंग कमेटी की रिपोर्ट में साफ लिखा गया है कि गांवों में क्या-क्या सुविधाएँ दी जानी चाहिँ, जैसे—

- 1 एप्रॉच रोड
- 2 फील्ड ड्रैक्स
- 3 विलेज स्ट्रीट्स एण्ड स्क्वायर्स
- 4 विलेज बैल्ड, बाघ; और बाग-हाउसेज
- 5 कंटिल ट्रफ्स और पाण्डम
- 6 पब्लिक सैनिटरी अरेन्जमेन्ट्स
- 7 मीटिंग-हॉल
- 8 प्ले ग्राउण्ड्स
- 9 रिलीजम प्लेसेज
- 10 प्राइमरी स्कूल आदि

आप बतलाइये—गांवों के लिये क्या किया गया है? आज हकीकत यह है कि हिन्दुस्तान के 1 लाख 16 हजार गांवों में पानी के अन्तर्जाल भी नहीं है। इस के लिये कौन जिम्मेदार है? हम को फासी होगी या आप को फासी होगी या चट्टान साहब को फासी होगी, जिस को फासी होगी—

philosophy has proved wrong. Because things like cutting of the earnings of the workers, enforcing CDS, nullifying the Bonus Act and freezing the wages would not work in the Indian economy. The Indian economy has proved that this will not counter the inflation. I would, therefore, appeal to the hon. Minister for Finance to restore the cut in the wages, scrap CDS, nullify the Bonus Act and do away with the freezing of the wages. The workers should be given their fair wages, and the Government employees their arrears of D.A. Let the workers have their share in the production and let us save our land from a disastrous situation.

Some hon. Members from both sides have said that inflation is the order of the day and it is prevalent all the world over. I say that it is a distortion. There is no price rise, there is no unemployment, there is no glut, there is no gloom and there is no recession in many countries of the world. But unfortunately, our country is tagged to the capitalist market mechanism, where we cannot survive without inflation. That is why, we are in a vicious circle.

I would once again submit that in order to check price rise, an efficient public distribution system is very essential. I would request the hon. Minister for Finance to be categorical and not to play a hide and seek game, and say that they would scrap the CDS, nullify the Bonus Act and there would be no wage freeze.

I also strike a role of warning regarding a vital sector of our economy namely, the ports and docks. There you know the situation is very tense because retrenchment is in the offing on the report of the Chatterjee Committee and also a major sector like the port and dock workers are being denied their due wage revision. So, negotiations have to be started in this sector and unless our workers are fully

satisfied and kept content, I feel our economy will be in shambles.

I thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

***SHRI GOVINDA MUNDA (Keonjhar).** Mr Speaker, Sir, I heartily congratulate the hon. Minister and support the budget, which has been introduced in the House today by Janta Party Government. Sir, you might be knowing that 1975 was a very bad period for Orissa. Because, due to lack of rain for nine months continuously, there was drought in the State. In Orissa, out of 13 districts, there is severe drought in 9 districts. As a result of this Adivasis and Harijans of these nine districts do not get food to eat. During this critical period, Indira Government announced that elections would be held in the country immediately. Sir, it is a matter of surprise that the announcement regarding election came at such a critical moment, when there was no organisation neither of the entire opposition party nor of the Janta Party. People were starving. The Congress wanted to exploit the situation. During election time, Congress Party went to Adivasi and Harijan villages with lakhs of rupees and distributed the money and that was their efficacious weapon during election time. In other words, they wanted to buy votes in exchange for money.

Sir, you might be knowing that I belong to an Adivasi area of Keonjhar district, which is full of mineral resources. There our brothers and sisters work hard as labourers. They refused to vote for Congress this time because it did not pay them the due. When I travelled throughout the district for election campaign as a Janta Party candidate I told them, "all right, we will fight for you". Then immediately, Indira Congress announced giving of bonus to those labourers. Nothing of bonus to be considered here, Sir, is one thing to be considered here, Sir, is that if Indira Government was not

(Shri Govinda Munda)
giving bonus to labourers previously then why it was in erected in giving it at the time of election? Sir, here I must appeal to our Government through you that it has to consider the matter with cool head. Instead of giving bonus, Indira Government announced giving houses and buildings. But our brothers and sisters who work hard replied that what they would do with those houses. Could these be cultivated? (Interruptions)

Orissa is pre-eminentely an agricultural state but there are no facilities for agriculture. There is no irrigation and drinking water facility especially in hilly and forest areas of the State. As a result people are facing a lot of trouble which cannot be described in words. The Indira Government could not provide water at any place for 30 years of our independence. What right they have got to rule over the country? And now people are giving reply to that question. Sir with all humility I would like to request you that if we are to run the administration of the country then we have got to give up their principles and policies and we will have to act according to our own manifesto. Because Janta Government has come to power, people are now happy and they definitely have faith in the Government. People had assured that they would bring a total change and they did it. Therefore we must thank them. Those who are in the present Government including yourself are able and efficient. (Interruptions)

I am an Adivasi and I know that these Congress people have cheated us like anything. I know Mrs Indira Gandhi herself had visited my area three times. Even she did not spare Juanga Bhuiyan area. (Interruptions) When Mrs. Gandhi first visited Orissa, I was an M.L.A. I am not a new M.L.A. or an M.P. I have been an M.L.A. and Minister in Orissa from 1952 to 1977 and ever since Congress Government have been cheating us. Water supply is the most pressing need in Orissa

now. Otherwise, people will surely die. I know, our Finance Minister is a good man and he will definitely give special attention to Orissa.

Sir generally at the time of elections Government inaugurates the work of different railway lines. Take for instance Jakhapura Baunsapur railway line. Sir it is a matter of great regret that within 30 years of Congress administration the work of the railway line could not be completed. (Interruptions) Sir I am very sorry that no passenger train has started running from Badjamda to Joda Baunsapur. There are so many mines in Orissa and Government earns a lot of revenue from them, which helps the whole country. (Interruptions) But what has Mrs Gandhi done for Keonjhar in Orissa?

Sir I must cite another example i.e. National Highway No 6. It is still lying incomplete. Although we have plenty of resources in the State we Adivasis have been despised and neglected for a long time. Sir more politely I am asking the opposition and more so of Mr Borooah who is the President of the Congress Party, what have they done for the uplift of Adivasis? How many of them have been provided with employment and how many are unemployed? Sir it is my earnest request to our Government to be more active. It should be more organised. It is the proper time to march forward and go ahead. Otherwise these Congress people will again try to suppress us.

श्री राम नरेश कुंजबाहा (सलेमपुर)
अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह जरूरी नहीं होता चाहिए कि केवल हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी में ही बोला जाए। जिस की जो मातृभाषा है उसको उस भाषा में बोलने की छूट होनी चाहिये।

MR. SPEAKER We do not have translation in all the regional languages. It is tape-recorded and the translation of it will be printed. You can read it at a later stage. Anybody

can speak in his mother tongue. There may not be simultaneous translation but it is tape-recorded and later on the translation is printed.

SHRI CHARAN NARZARY (Kokrajhar) Mr Speaker, Sir, I am speaking in support of the financial statement of the hon'ble Finance Minister. The general budget covers a wide range of varied subjects and at the moment I am not concerned with any statistical figures. I only want to make a few observations. The facts and suggestions advanced by the hon Members in this august House will surely help the Finance Minister in preparing the general Budget in a realistic manner so as to serve the purpose of the nation.

Sir, the Budget of the Government is expected to be a people oriented Budget for that can enrich each and every one in the country. Since the present Government stands for the downtrodden people of the country, the voice of the downtrodden people has to be heard by the Government.

I am from the State of Assam and to a certain extent my voice will be the voice from the east because we have to look into the reality and by taking into consideration the different aspects of each nook and corner of the country, the Government's policy has to be formulated.

Of the downtrodden people, I feel, there are two classes—the downtrodden people whose voices are heard and the downtrodden people whose voices remain ever unheard. Even among the downtrodden people there is a difference and now I stand for those downtrodden people whose voices have never been heard by the Government. I belong to the plains tribal group of Assam. The previous Government was banking upon the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes of the country by giving high hopes and assurances to those people and for the last 30 years of Independence these law abiding and loyal citizens of the coun-

try expected much of the Congress Government. But their hopes and aspirations have been belied totally. Now since these people want a change in the Government, particularly in the State of Assam, my people supported the Janata Party. I have come here as an independent with the support of the Janata Party and it is to our credit that the Janata Party candidates could come out successful in those constituencies where my people could help them. That is why the hopes and aspirations of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes and other weaker sections of the people have to be taken into consideration while preparing the general budget. The time has now come for the downtrodden people to be united so that they could in a concerted way help the present Government in solving the basic problems of the downtrodden people. What is the basic need of the common people? I believe the basic need of the common people is security. When there is no security, there is no use having a particular system of administration. Security comes first and we have to ensure security for all the people. The downtrodden people in the last 30 years of independence were frustrated totally and it should be the duty of the present government to infuse a new sense of security in them. Much in justice has been done to those people in the last thirty years of independence. In the east people do not get even drinking water. If you travel in the interior, in the sub mountain areas in the northern tracts of the Brahmaputra valley along the Bhutan and Arunachal hills, you will see thousands of people going without drinking water. The voice of the people in those regions has remained unheard and their fate is unknown to the outside world. Those areas can be converted into surplus areas if there is a green revolution. The main problem in that region is the problem of irrigation. Several thousands of people have to remain half fed and ill-clad in spite of tremendous possibility of developing the agricultural system for better production of paddy and other crops. People have

[Shri Charan Narzary]

been facing innumerable problems for want of irrigation facilities. This Government while preparing the general budget for the year 1977-78, should definitely take into account that aspect of the problem in that region.

12.38 hrs

[KUMARI ARUNA MAITI in the Chair]

The previous government assured that the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes people and other weaker sections would be given proper rehabilitation and fullest security. But just on the eve of the proclamation of the Emergency by the Congress Government, thousands of landless tribals were ruthlessly evicted from different reserved forest areas and those people had gone astray for want of rehabilitation. Those people have to be rehabilitated. They do not know what would be their fate. They have become the worst refugees in their own country and the Congress Government in spite of their repeated assurances, could not help those people. We seriously took it up with the State Government and also with the Central Government. Many people died of starvation, many of them have become totally destitute. The Central and the State Governments fully know all these things. Till today the Assam Government is a Congress Government. Those people have been feeling helpless. They were denied of shelter. There is no way out for them. Are they not citizens of the country? I say that these people are as patriotic as any other Indian and in the North Eastern region these people are the defenders of the country. Their region is a sensitive region. We have been playing a vital role in the defence of the country. Whenever a national crisis took place we always played a vital role. That is why I would insist that the present Government should look into all these various aspects of the problems of the North Eastern region of the country. Then only the maxim that the national integration is the basis of our national life will come true. We are the nationalists in the North-Eastern region of India. We are as nationalist as any

other Indians. Whenever any national issues cropped up we totally forget ourselves and mingle up with the main stream of the nation. Our leaders say that it is the first and the foremost duty of any Indian to mingle up with the main stream of the national life. We have not denied this but for this a favourable condition should be created so that they can mingle up with the main stream of our national life. I believe that since we have come here with a ray of hope, definitely the present Government will do something concrete for the liberation of the down-trodden people and through you, Madam, at this moment, I would like to make a clarion call to the hon. Members of this House belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes to make a concerted effort so as to help the present Government in taking bold and effective steps for the welfare of those down-trodden people with this appeal I resume my seat.

SHRI GEV MANCHARSHA AWARI (Vagpur) Sir much water has flowed down the Yamuna after our Finance Minister laid on the Table his budget for vote on account. The first and foremost thing to be understood is, there was definitely a very grave economic crisis in the whole world in the form of inflation. Even affluent countries like America, Germany and Japan have reeled under its pressure and there have been spiralling rises in prices and unemployment also. Naturally this economic crisis affected a developing country like India which was trying to become an affluent country. In 1974 we saw a spiralling rise in prices in India. It must be agreed by everyone that in the last two years, the previous government has been able to contain the inflation and arrest the rise in prices. This is definitely one of the best achievements of the previous government, which has been admitted even by the foreign press which has been critical of the previous government earlier. The figures say it. I do not have to say it. The Finance Minister should take this into account. I

would plead that the new Government should rise to the occasion. When a new government takes over it is not the government of a particular party alone it is the government of the whole country. So the good achievements of the previous government should not be simply thrown down the drain because they were achieved by the previous government. I feel that all good achievements of the previous government will have to be taken into account.

The Finance Minister has been rather evasive in his budget speech and he has not betrayed even the trend of the main budget which is to follow. I understand there was very little time to make a whole reappraisal but he could have indicated something about the trend of the new budget. A person of his eminence can indicate even in impromptu words as to what the new budget would be. There is a huge deficit in the budget and there are to my mind only two ways out. The first way is to have a heavy dose of taxation which would be very bad for the poor people. The second way is to cut down the development activities which have been going on in the country. That also would not be in the interests of the nation because many parts of the country are still backward. Therefore it seems the new Finance Minister has to be very careful in re-appraising the whole thing. He has clearly stated that the new Government wants to remove inequalities, unemployment and poverty. Looking to all factors one fact remains namely the poor man in this country has to be given some sort of re-assurance and some relief from the heavy burden he has been shouldering. I know the new government believes in Gandhian concepts. One basic Gandhian concept is the idea of "trusteeship". Mahatma Gandhi said that the rich must use their wealth for the welfare of the poor. I would plead with the new government that in the new budget it should be ensured that the common people of the country are as tax free as possible. You may ask if you make the common people tax free how is the deficit to be bridged? I suggest that

the people who are progressively richer should be taxed heavily to cover the deficit which would arise by leaving the common man tax-free. Essential commodities like foodgrains, edible oil etc. have to be provided at cheaper rates. For that the means of production of the essential commodities will have to be nationalised or some sort of arrangement made whereby the trade in these commodities will not be given to the common traders. It has been the practice in this country that when ever there is a *laissez faire* economy and freedom the common traders have always tried to cash on the troubles like natural calamities and made huge profits. This has been the experience of this country all these years. So the new government will have to take steps to see that the means of production in the country especially of essential commodities like foodgrains, edible oils, etc. are either nationalised or some sort of arrangement will have to be made to protect the poor people. This assurance I definitely want from the new Finance Minister.

Another point which was made in the Budget speech by the new Finance Minister was about unemployment. I know employment has been a major factor in this country. But taking into account all the things, there has been a definite improvement in the unemployment situation in this country but much remains to be done. That has been agreed by everyone. You cannot say that the previous Government did not do anything in this regard. Much has been done but still a lot more has to be done. But we want that this unemployment problem should be solved in a way where all the youth of the country would have their participation. I recollect the speech made by an hon. Member from the treasury benches saying that the 20-Point Programme did not include unemployment at all. Yes, it was not included in that Programme as one word but it was said in the Programme that the Apprenticeship Act will be enforced so that all the educated unemployed youth could be given some employment. This was a whole point in the

[Shri Ger Mancharsha Awari]
20-Point Programme And very good schemes were taken up in some of the States

I warn this Government that if in the name of freedom, absolute freedom is allowed in the commercial field, if absolute freedom is allowed to traders of all classes and of all types of people, then I am sure, the trading community might perhaps—some among them who are black sheep—take the opportunity of the freedom and try to indulge in hoarding, black-marketing and all the ills which go with capitalist system

In our system of economy, complete freedom will not work I am sure, we will have to nationalise the production of essential commodities or we will have to do some socialisation or some such arrangement.

I think you for allowing me to make my maiden speech in our Parliament today I also thank the Members for not interrupting me during the course of my speech

श्री मनोहरलाल (कानपुर) : सभापति महोदय, सबसे पहले मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूँ कि आपने मुझे बोलने का मौका दिया। इस सदन में जो बजट प्रस्तुत किया गया है मैं उसका समर्थन करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूँ। मैं बल से इस सदन में भाषण सुन रहा हूँ। बल इस सदन में भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम ने जो भाषण दिया उसको सुनकर ऐसा लग रहा था कि चुनावों के पहले उन्होंने यह स्पीच तैयार की थी और यह सोचकर तैयार की थी कि इस सेशन में इन्दिरा पब्लिक वनेगी और उसको वे प्रस्तुत करेंगे। यह बड़े ताज्जुब और खुशी की बात है कि हिन्दुस्तान की 62 करोड़ जनता ने श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी की बात को नहीं सुना। इन लोगों ने जिस तरह के भ्रष्टाचार इस देश की जनता पर किए उसके सम्बन्ध में इतना ही कहना चाहता हूँ कि जो भ्रष्टाचार करता है उससे ज्यादा दोषी उस भ्रष्टाचार को सहने वाला होता है। हमारे देश के बाद जब चुनाव की घोषणा हुई तो हिन्दुस्तान की जनता ने साबित कर दिया और यह बता

दिया कि भ्रष्टाचार करने वालों के साथ किस तरह का बर्ताव करना चाहिए। जनता ने जो फैसला दिया वह आज सभी के सामने है। जिसके ऊपर भ्रष्टाचार हो रहे थे वे दोषी लोग जरूर थे लेकिन जिस तरह से 62 करोड़ लोगों ने जनता पार्टी का समर्थन करके अपना फैसला दिया है उसका हम स्वीकार करते हैं। जनता पार्टी के रूप में बहुमत बना कर जनता ने हम को यहां पर भेजा है। अब हम लोगों का यह काम है, जनता पार्टी की सरकार का यह काम है कि जो लोग मुजरिम हैं, जो लोग दोषी हैं, उन के साथ किस तरह का बर्ताव सरकार करे—यह हम लोगों को सोचना है। जनता ने अपना फैसला कर के दिखला दिया है, अब वित्त मंत्री जी से मेरी प्रार्थना है कि जितनी चीजें इस कांग्रेस सरकार ने पिछले सालों में बिगाड़ी हैं हम उन को एक महीने या दो महीने के अन्दर तो ठीक नहीं कर सकते, लेकिन हमें उम्र दिशा में तैयारी से आगे बढ़ना चाहिए।

मैं बल से सुन रहा हूँ—अप्रोप्रीशन की तरफ से मुद्दाव दिये जा रहे हैं कि इस सरकार को चाहिये कि अग्र-एम्पलायमेंट को दूर करे, इस तरह के काम किये जायें जो जनता के हित में हों। मैं उन से पूछना चाहता हूँ—पिछले 30 सालों में आप ने लगातार इस देश पर शासन किया है, क्या उस दौरान उन को इन बातों का ज्ञान नहीं था कि हमारे देश के अन्दर बेकारी बढ़ रही है, बेरोजगारी बढ़ रही है, भूखमरी बढ़ रही है, उस समय इन समस्याओं को दूर करने के लिये क्या किया? आज जब वे अप्रोप्रीशन में बैठे हैं, तब उन को ध्यान आया है कि ये समस्याएं बढ़ रही हैं, आज उन को हिन्दुस्तान की 62 करोड़ जनता की याद आई है। आज देश के बने कोने से सुनाई पड़ रहा है कि किस तरह से इस कांग्रेस सरकार ने पक्षपात किया है, किस तरह से लोगों को बर्बाद किया है, बेरोजगार किया है। सभापति महोदय, मैं तो यही कहना चाहता हूँ कि पिछले तीस सालों के शासन

13 02 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch
till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after
Lunch at four minutes past Fourteen
of the Clock

[KUMARI ABHA MAITI in the Chair]

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श्री मनोहर साहू सभापति महोदय, मैं बता रहा था कि पिछले तीस सालों में इन लोगों ने क्या क्या किया है। जो कुछ भी हमारे इन दोस्तों ने तीस साल में किया है, जो ज्यादातया की है, उनको नजराना नहीं किया। सत्ता है, उसको भुलाया नहीं जा सकता है। उनकी इस देश को क्या देन है? कौन सा नारा इन्होंने देश को दिया था। इनने बरखा साहब ने कहा था और यह मर्यादा दिया था कि इन्दिरा इज इण्डिया, इण्डिया इज इन्दिरा। इन्दिरा को इण्डिया और इण्डिया को इन्दिरा इन लोगों ने समझा और यह इन लोगों की सब से बड़ी देन देश को है। इसी दे. को से कर ये लोग ग्राम चुनाव में उनसे थे। देश की जनता की अदालत में ये लोग गए थे, चुनाव के दौर में से गुजरे थे। हिन्दुस्तान की 62 करोड़ जनता ने इनको एक करारा जवाब दिया है। न केवल इस नारे को जनता ने ठुकरा दिया है बल्कि ऐसा इतिहास में कभी नहीं हुआ होगा कि एक प्रधान मंत्री जो अपनी कुर्मी पर हा और जो गृह मंत्री भी रह चुका हो इ को उनसे इम तरह से ठुकरा दिया हो, उनको इस तरह उखाड़ फेंक दिया हो और इस तरह से उसको दूँट दिया हो जैसे वह कभी प्रधान मंत्री ही न रहा हो या शासन में न रहा हो। यह इस बात का परिचालन है स. है कि तीस साल में इन्होंने हिन्दुस्तान की जनता 62 करोड़ जनता को किस तरह सा है, मारा है, तोड़ा है, मरोड़ा है और उसको रोने तक मही दिया है, उसका धातू तक नष्ट निकलन दिए हैं।

माखिरतार उसी जनता को निरुत्तर कर सामने भाना पडा और इनको उखाड़ कर एक और पेंकना पडा।

हिन्दू मुसलमान का सवाल भी यह लोग पडा करते रहे हैं, शुरू से ही खडा करते रहे हैं। डिय इज एण्ड रूत की जो पालिसी कांग्रेस ने अपना रखी थी वह इन्होंने भी अपनाई, उस पर ये भी चलते रहे हैं। जनसभा या होवा पडा करते चुनाव में कांग्रेस के लोग मुसलमानों को भड़काने रहे हैं, उन के बोट इस आधार पर हासिल करते रहे हैं। इस प्रश्न से उन बोट पाने के बाद ये सत्ता हाते रहे हैं। आप पिछले चुनाव को देखें उसके नतीजे को देखें। इनको 38 परसेंट बोट ही मिले पर बाकी जो बोट थे वे कांग्रेस-जन को मिले। 38 परसेंट और 33 परसेंट बोट पाने के बावजूद भी ये अपनी सरकार बनाने रहे हैं। इस प्रकार से इन लोगों ने तीस साल तक राज्य किया है। महज हिन्दू मुसलमानों का सवाल खडा करके और डिवाइड एण्ड रूत की पालिसी को अपना कर और जनसभा या होवा खडा करके। इस चुनाव में हिन्दुस्तान के हिन्दुभा और मुसलमान ने जिस एकता का परिचय दिया है वह इस बात का सबूत है कि हिन्दुस्तान की 62 करोड़ जनता एक हो कर रहना चाहती है, वह यह चाहती है कि देश में जनता के वास्तविक प्रतिनिधियों का शासन हो, जनता पार्टी का शासन हो और इसलिए देश की 62 करोड़ जनता ने जनता पार्टी को सत्तारूढ कर के भेजा है।

न केवल इण्डिया इज इन्दिरा और इन्दिरा इज इण्डिया का नारा ये लोग देते रहे हैं बल्कि बीस सूची कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कांग्रेस सरकार की जो उपलब्धिया हैं उनको तरफ भी जनता का ध्यान आकर्षित कर रहे हैं। मैं अपने नौजवान दोस्त से कहना चाहता हूँ कि वह अपने दिल पर हाथ रख कर पूछें और देखें कि अपने तीस साल के शासन में और विशेष कर पिछले 19 महीने के दौर में

जो व्यवहार सरकार ने जनता के साथ किया है क्या वह वास्तव में इन्सानियत की भावना से प्रेरित था, मानवता की भावना से प्रेरित था ? अगर वह इस पर ठण्डे दिल से विचार करेंगे तो मैं समझता हूँ कि आँखों में आगू आए बर्गर नहीं रहेंगे। जो जोर जबरदस्ती, अत्याचार इस कांग्रेस सरकार ने इन पिछले 19 महीनों में जनता पर किए हैं वे अत्याचार यहाँ पर अंग्रेजों ने अपने राज्यकाल में नहीं किये होंगे जिन्होंने यहाँ सेबड़ो साल राज्य किया, इस देश को गुलाम बनाए रखा। उन्होंने ह्यूमन राइट्स नहीं छीने, सिविल लिबर्टीज नहीं छीनी लेकिन इस कांग्रेस सरकार ने 62 करोड़ हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिखों, ईसाइयों के इन राइट्स को छीन लिया, ट्रेड यूनियन्स को जो अधिकार थे, उनको छीन लिया, वोट्स के अधिकार को छीन लिया, उन आई सा 4 स 7 जो 1974 में एपॉर्ट किया था उसको भूल गए, उसको तोड़ दिया। मैं वित्त मंत्री महोदय से कहना चाहता हूँ कि जो जो उद्विग्न पिछले 19 महीनों में हुई हैं, जुर्म हुए हैं, उनका सब से पहला काम, सबसे बड़ा काम, सब से नेक काम यह होना चाहिये कि उन पापों को धो दें, उन अत्याचारों को अलग कर दें, उनका निराकरण कर दें। और देश की जनता को बता दिया कि 30 साल में जो भी इन्होंने किया है हम 3 महीने के अन्दर करना चाहते हैं और हमारे दिल में जनता की सेवा की भावना है, न कि कुर्सी पाने की भावना। महात्मा गांधी ने ठीक ही कहा था आजादी के बाद रि कांग्रेस पार्टी का काम खत्म हो चुका है इस को खत्म कर दें। लेकिन किसी। उन की बात नहीं मानी। वह नहीं चाहते थे कि कांग्रेस के लोग शासन में आयें। आज अगर महात्मा गांधी जी जिन्दा होते तो 30 साल के इनके कारनामों को देख कर अवश्य प्रायश्चित्त करते।

20 सूत्री और 5 सूत्री कार्यक्रम के नाम को लेकर जनता पर जो जो अत्याचार किये गये उनको कहने लूँ उबलता है। नसबन्दी के प्रश्न को लेकर अध्यापकों की तनख्वाह

रोक दी गई, उनको सस्पेंड कर दिया गया और कहा गया कि अगर केसेज नहीं लाओगे तो तुम्हारी तनख्वाह रोक दी जायेगी। अध्यापिकाओं से कहा गया कि तुम भी मोटिवेशन के केसेज लाओ। अब वह महिलाएँ बेचारी किससे जाँर कहें। इस तरह की बातें कांग्रेस सरकार करती रही। अध्यापिकाओं की तनख्वाह रोक दी गई, उनको सस्पेंड किया गया।

दूसरी तरफ पांच सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत पेड लगाने के नाम पर अरबों रुपया बरबाद किया गया। मैं कानपुर की बात जानता हूँ कि वहाँ 30 लाख रुपया महा-पालिका से खर्च कराया गया सजय गांधी के इशारे पर। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसका क्या स्टेटस था। हमारे भूतपूर्व रक्षा मंत्री, श्री बसी लाल के साथ श्री सजय गांधी कानपुर में पहुँचे और रक्षा उत्पादन प्रतिष्ठान में गये जहाँ कि कोई दूसरा आदमी नहीं घुस सकता है, लेकिन सजय गांधी वहाँ गये रक्षा मंत्री के साथ और जब वहाँ वे लोगों ने रक्षा मंत्री को माला पहनानी चाही तो उन्होंने श्री सजय गांधी की तरफ इशारा कर दिया और माला उनके गले में पहनाई गई। श्री सजय गांधी ने कानपुर सेंट्रल हाउस में मोटिंग बुलाई और वहाँ के डी० एम० से कहा कि 30 लाख रुपये के यहाँ पेड लगावाओ लेकिन आज आपको वहाँ पेड के नाम पर खाली ईंटों के थाले और सड़क पर गड़्डे मिलेंगे। हमारे कानपुर शहर की तमाम सड़कों को बरबाद कर दिया, आज उन पर चला नहीं जा सकता। इस प्रकार जो पैसा बरबाद किया गया अगर उस पैसे को खेती और सिंचाई के काम पर खर्च किया जाता तो देश की यह हालत न होती।

जनता के साथ 19 महीनों में जो ज्यादतियाँ की गई उनको देख कर लून उबलता है। जेला में हमारे भाइयों पर अत्याचार किये गये जिनको देख कर, सुन कर प्राधों में आगू धा जाने हैं। मैं अधिव विस्तार में

13 02 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch
till Fourteen of the Clock*

*The Lok Sabha reassembled after
Lunch at four minutes past Fourteen
of the Clock*

[KUMARI ABHA MAITY in the Chair]

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श्री मनोहर लाल सभापति महोदय, मैं बता रहा था कि पिछले तीन सालों में इन लोगों ने क्या क्या किया है। जो कुछ भी हमारे इन दोस्तों ने तीन साल में किया है जो ज्यादातिया की हैं, उनकी नज़रन्दाज नहीं किया जा सकता है, उसको भुलाया नहीं जा सकता है। उनकी इस देश को क्या देन है? कौन सा नारा इन्होंने देश को दिया था। इनके बरफ़ा साहब ने कहा था और यह ग़र्र दिया था कि इन्दिरा इज इण्डिया, इण्डिया इज इन्दिरा। इन्दिरा को इण्डिया और इण्डिया को इन्दिरा इन लोगों ने समझा और यह इन लोगों की सब से बड़ी देन देश को है। इसी दे को से कर ये लोग ग्राम चुनाव उतरे थे। देश की जनता की अदालत में ये लोग गए थे, चुनाव के दौर में से गुजरे थे। हिन्दुस्तान की 62 करोड़ जनता ने इनकी एक् करारा जवाब दिया है। न केवल इस नारे को जनता ने दुहरा दिया है बल्कि ऐसा इतिहास में कभी नहीं हुआ होगा कि एक् प्रधान मन्त्री जो अपनी कुर्सी पर हो और जो गृह मन्त्री भी रह चुका हो इ को उसने इस तरह से दुहरा दिया हो, उसको इस तरह से उछाड़ फेंक दिया हो और इस तरह से उसको दौट किया हो जैसे वह कभी प्रधान मन्त्री हो न रहा हो या शासन में न रहा हो। यह इस बान का परिचालन है सगू है कि तीस साल में इ होने हिन्दुस्तान की जनता 62 करोड़ जनता को किस तरह। सा है, मारा है, तोड़ा है, मराया है और उसको रोने तक नहीं दिया है, उनसे भामू तक नहीं निकलो दिए हैं।

आखिरकार उसी जनता को निकल कर सामने आना पड़ा और इनको उखाड़ कर एक ओर फेंकना पड़ा।

हिन्दू मुसलमान का सवाल भी यह लोग खड़ा करते रहे हैं, शुरू से ही खड़ा करते रहे हैं। दिव इज एण्ड रूल की जो पालिसी अंग्रेजों ने अपना रखी थी वह इन्होंने भी अपनाई, उस पर ये भी चलते रहे हैं। जनसभ का होना खड़ा करके चुनाव में कांग्रेस के लोग मुसलमानों को भड़काते रहे हैं, उन के वोट इस आधार पर हासिल करते रहे हैं। इस प्रब से उ के वोट पाने के बाद ये सत्तारूढ़ होते रहे हैं। आप पिछले चुनाव को देखें उसके नतीजे को देखें। इनको 38 परसेंट वोट ही मिले और बाकी जो वोट थे वे अंग्रेजों-भान को मिले। 38 परसेंट और 3; परसेंट वोट पाने के बावजूद भी ये अपनी सरकार बनाते रहे हैं। इस प्रकार से इन लोगों ने तीन साल तक राज्य किया है। महज हिन्दू मुसलमानों का सवाल खड़ा करके और दिवाइड एण्ड रूल की पालिसी को अपना कर और जनसभ का होना खड़ा करके। इस चुनाव में हिन्दुस्तान के हिन्दुओं और मुसलमान ने जिस एकता का परिचय दिया है वह इस बात का सबूत है कि हिन्दुस्तान की 62 करोड़ जनता एक हो कर रहना चाहती है, वह यह चाहती है कि देश में जनता के वास्तविक प्रतिनिधियों का शासन हो, जनता पार्टी का शासन हो और इसलिए देश की 62 करोड़ जनता ने जनता पार्टी को सत्तारूढ़ कर के भेजा है।

न केवल इण्डिया इज इन्दिरा और इन्दिरा इज इण्डिया का नारा ये लोग देते रहे हैं बल्कि बीस सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कांग्रेस सरकार की जो उपलब्धिया हैं उनकी तरफ भी जनता का ध्यान आकर्षित कर रहे हैं। मैं अपने मौजवान दोस्त से कहना चाहता हू कि वह अपने दिल पर हाथ रख कर पूछें और देखें कि अपने तीन साल के शासन में और विशेष कर पिछले 19 महीने के दौर में

जो व्यवहार सरकार ने जनता के साथ किया है क्या वह वास्तव में इन्मानियत की भावना से प्रेरित था, मानवता की भावना से प्रेरित था ? अगर वह इस पर ठण्डे दिल से विचार करें तो मैं समझता हूँ कि भाँखों में भ्रामू घ्राए गए नहीं रहेंगे। जो जोर जबरदस्ती, प्रत्याचार इस कांग्रेस सरकार ने इन पिछले 19 महीनों में जनता पर किए हैं वे प्रत्याचार महा पर अंग्रेजों ने अपने राज्यपाल के नहीं किये होंगे जिन्होंने यहां सेकने साल राज्य किया, इस देश को गुलाम बनाए रखा। उन्होंने हमूमें राइट्स नहीं छीने, मिजिल लिबर्टीज नहीं छीनी लेकिन इस कांग्रेस सरकार ने 62 करोड़ हिन्दू, मुसलमाना सिखों, ईसाइयों के इन राइट्स को छीन लिया, ट्रेड यूनियन्स को जो अधिकार थे उनको छीन लिया, बोनस के अधिनार को छीन लिया, इन आई ता ५ स थ जो 1974 में एमॉन्ट किया था उसको भत्त गए उसको तोड़ दिया। मैं वित्त मन्त्री महोदय से कहना चाहता हूँ कि जो जो ज दतिया पिछले 19 महीना में हुई है, जर्म हुए हैं, उनका सब से पहला काम, सबो बडा काम, सब से नेक काम यह होना चाहिये कि उन पापा को छो दें, उन प्रत्याचारों को अलग कर दें उनका निराकरण कर दें। और देश की जनता को बता दिया कि 30 साल में जो भी इन्हा ने किया है हम 3 महीने के अन्दर करना चाहते हैं और हमारे दिल में जनता की सेवा की भावना है, न कि कुर्सी पाने की भावना। महात्मा गांधी ने ठीक ही कहा था आजादी के बाद कि कांग्रेस पार्टी का काम खत्म हो चुका है इस को खत्म कर दें। लेकिन किसी 1 उन की बात नहीं मानी। वह नहीं चाहते थे कि कांग्रेस के लोग शासन में आयें। आज अगर महात्मा गांधी जो जिन्दा होते तो 30 साल के इनके कारनामा को देख कर अवश्य प्रायश्चित्त करते।

20 सूत्री और 5 सूत्री कार्यक्रम के नाम को लेकर जनता पर जो जो मन्याचार किये गये उनको बहने खून उबलता है। नसबन्दी के प्रश्न को लेकर अध्यापकों की तनख्वाह

रोक दी गई, उनको सस्पेंड कर दिया गया और कहा गया कि अगर केसेज नहीं लाओगे तो तुम्हारी तनख्वाह रोक दी जायेगी। अध्यापिकाओं से कहा गया कि तुम भी मोटिवेशन के केसेज लाओ। अब वह महिलायें बेचारी वित्तसे जा हर रहे। इस तरह की बातें कांग्रेस सरकार करती रही। अध्यापिकाओं की तनख्वाह रोक दी गई, उनको सस्पेंड किया गया।

दूसरी तरफ पांच सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत पेड लगाने के नाम पर बरखा रुपया बरखाद किया गया। मैं कानपुर की बात जानता हूँ कि वहां 30 लाख रुपया महापालिका से खर्च कराया गया सजय गांधी के इशारे पर। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उसका क्या स्टेटस था। हमारे भूतपूर्व रक्षा मंत्री, श्री बती लाल के साथ श्री सजय गांधी कानपुर में पहुंचे और रक्षा उत्पादन प्रतिष्ठान में गये जहां कि कोई दूसरा आदमी नहीं घुस सकता है लेकिन सजय गांधी वहां गये रक्षा मंत्री के साथ और जब वहां के लोगों ने रक्षा मंत्री को माला पहनानी चाही तो उन्होंने श्री सजय गांधी की तरफ इशारा कर दिया और माना उनके गले में पहनाई गई। श्री सजय गांधी ने कानपुर सकिट हाउस में मोटिंग बुलाई और वहां के डी० एम० से कहा कि 30 लाख रुपया व यहां पेड लगावाओ लेकिन आज आपको वहां पेड के नाम पर खाली ईंटों के थाले और सड़क पर गड्डे मिलेंगे। हमारे कानपुर शहर की तमाम सड़क को बरखाद कर दिया, आज उन पर चला नहीं जा सरता। इस प्रकार जो पैसा बरखाद किया गया अगर उस पैसे को खेती और सिंचाई के काम पर खर्च किया जाता तो देश की यह हालत न होती।

जनता के साथ 19 महीनों में जो ज्यादतिया की गई उनको देख कर खून उबलता है। जेलों में हमारे भाइया पर प्रत्याचार किय गये जिनको देख कर, सुन कर भाँखों में भ्रामू घ्रा जाते हैं। मैं अधिक विस्तार में

[श्री मनोहर लाल]

ममयाभाव के कारण नहीं जाऊगा, केवल वित्त मंत्री से निवेदन करूंगा कि आप उन ज दतिया को धो दें ।

कांग्रेस सरकार ने मजदूरों का बोनस का अधिकार छीना । सरकारी कर्मचारियों का डी०ए० वापस लिया, एल०आई०सी० के कर्मचारियों के साथ जो 1974 में एग्रीमेंट किया था उस को तोड़ा और लोगों को डी०आई०आर०, और एम०आई०एम०ए० का डर दिखा कर डराया गया । मेरी मांग है कि उस एग्रीमेंट को फिर से लागू किया जाये और एल०आई०सी० के कर्मचारियों को समान फंसिलिटीज मिलनी चाहियें जिनके वह हकदार थे । हाँकि हमारी सरकार पूरी कोशिश कर रही है, जैसा कि वक्त ही इस सदन में रेल मंत्री ने कहा कि रेलवे हड़ताल के समय जो कर्मचारी विविडमाइज किये गये उनको वापस लिया जा रहा है, इसी प्रकार और श्रेणी के कर्मचारियों के साथ जा नाइन्माफी कांग्रेस सरकार ने की है उसको दूर करना चाहिये । जो हमारे नौजवान दास्त उधर बैठे हुए हैं वह अपने दिल पर जरा हाथ रख कर देखें और बतायें कि जो कुछ हुआ है क्या वह वास्तव में एक इन्तान पर होना चाहिये था ?

हमारे यहां हिन्दुस्तान एयरलाइन्स लिमिटेड में प्रोजेक्ट नहीं है, वहाँ पर काम नहीं है, आज वहाँ कर्मचारी बेकार हो रहे हैं । हम चाहते हैं कि सरकार उनको काम दे, प्रोजेक्ट दे जिससे उनको काम मिले ।

हमारे कानपुर में बैलाश मिल है, लक्ष्मी रतन काटन मिल है, स्वदेशी काटन मिल है, उनमें से लोपा को हटाया हुआ है, मालिक लोग लोगों को वापस नहीं ले रहे हैं, बोनस नहीं देते हैं । हमारा कहना है कि उनको बोनस मिलना चाहिये ।

कानपुर में गंगा बाघ बहुत ही आवश्यक है । मई 1971 के चुनाव में श्री राज बहादुर

जी, जो उम ममय ट्रान्सपोर्ट मिनिस्टर थे, कहा गए थे, उन्होंने कहा पर एक पत्थर लगाकर बाघ बनाने का शिलान्यास किया था । हमने उसी समय कहा था कि पत्थर ज़रूर लगा रहे हैं, लेकिन एक दिन ऐसा ज़रूर आयेगा कि पत्थर को गिरा दिया जायेगा, और वहाँ कुछ नहीं होगा । आज वह मई 1971 में लगाया गया पत्थर उखाड़ कर फेंक दिया गया है । मर कम्पनी फ्रांसिस घोवर बिज बनाने की बात भी उस समय नहीं गई थी । उस समय श्री कमला पति त्रिपाठी उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्य मंत्री थे, बाद में वह केन्द्र में आ गये और वहाँ कुछ काम नहीं हुआ ।

अन में यूय के बारे में भी कुछ कहना चाहता हूँ ।

आखिर में मैं वित्त मंत्री जी से रिक्वेस्ट करूँ अपनी बात समाप्त करना चाहता हूँ कि वे बहुत ही उदार हैं और उदार रह कर टीक डे से हिन्दुस्तान की सारी स्कीमों को पूरा करने के लिये प्रयत्न करेंगे ।

PROF P G MAVALANKAR
(Gandhinagar) Madam Chairman, I rise to support the Vote on Account statement presented by the new Finance Minister, my esteemed friend Shri H. M. Patel. The Vote on Account Statement which he has presented very rightly states that it is only an interim and tentative statement almost an arithmetical exercise entered into and that the country will have to wait until he is able to produce a first-rate, full-length budget not only outlining the Janata Government's policies and programmes but incorporating Mahatma Gandhi's attitude towards the economic uplift and betterment of the teeming millions of our great motherland. I want to say that the Finance Minister, and earlier also his colleague and my good friend the Railway Minister Shri Dandavate, have both shown a certain sense of purpose and determination and have expressed themselves in clear and unmistakable terms. While

congratulating both of them for their very brief but prompt presentations to this new Hon House, may I also sound a word of caution that now the people's expectations have been raised tremendously and that time is running rapidly, and so my colleagues and members of the new Government and, indeed, the whole House will have to devote themselves to their new tasks with a lot of rethinking and bold thinking in a comparatively short time. I am sure, Madam Chairman, that Mr H M Patel will be able to look after the implementation aspects also, of the economic policies and programmes for this vast country when he produces the Budget, perhaps next month.

Now the people's verdict has come and it has come as a tremendous revolution. In no other country of the democratic world—not even in Britain in the last 750 years and in America in 200 years or more—have they shown the kind of robust commonsense and political wisdom that our teeming millions described as illiterate, but in reality, politically very astute and wise, have shown this time. They have changed a rotten, corrupt and discredited Government and have brought into the forefront a new Government with new expectations. This has been a unique revolution in the entire democratic world—unique in the sense that this has raised the prestige of our whole nation among all democratic countries, and even the United States and Britain are looking at us with a sense of awe, respect and admiration [and, admiration, because of what they could not do during the last several decades or centuries] for what the teeming millions of this country, illiterate but cultured, sensible and sensitive good souls, have done in terms of a revolution. I therefore want to salute first of all my motherland and the teeming millions whom I know directly and indirectly. I want to salute them and to convey my 'abhinandan' to them and offer 'vandanam' to them for what they have done in regard to this great

revolution. It was an English Historian Sir John Seeley who had said that a General Election is a kind of a peaceful revolution, but this last, sixth General Election in India has been the first extraordinary one which has shown that the Indian people can replace a rotten Government by a good Government through the ballot-box and non-violence and not through bullets and violence. That was the path of Mahatma Gandhi and we are grateful that that path has been followed by the people.

Further, I want to say that the people's aspirations have been aroused and peoples expectations have been aroused. In fact it has been an explosion of people's expectations universally in the whole country. Let us not make a mistake, let us make a distinction between people's aspirations and politicians' ambitions. Each one of us in this House is to a greater or smaller degree, a politician. Politicians of late have been discredited in our country because of abuse of power by several politicians of the Congress Party who converted the 'government for the people, of the people, by the people into the 'government for the Congress politicians, by the Congress politicians'. As a result, the entire tribe of politicians has been discredited. But let us remember that we politicians must heed words of caution which History and time give us, and rise above our levels and see that we act as one whole team, both individually and collectively, in this House and outside—and that we do not behave as self-seeking politicians but act as statesmen looking towards a new generation. Therefore, let us make this distinction between people's aspirations and politicians' ambitions and let us hope that the politicians will rise to the occasion and each one of us will see that we attune ourselves 100 per cent with the aspirations of the common man.

My friend from Assam has said in the debate earlier that the teeming millions of commoners in this country

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were so far silent and dumb but thank God their voice is now being gradually heard. Let us hope that the commoner's voice will be heard and that their demands will also be met as early as possible.

Therefore I am trusting with confidence that the Janata force and not only the Janata Party force (because after all, however great a Party may be the Janata force is greater than any Party) will assert itself. The present Opposition used to say 'India is Indira and Indira is India'. The word 'Party' has come from the word 'part' and you cannot equate a part with the whole and the whole is the nation. Not only the people of yesterday and today but the Indian people of tomorrow are also there. Let us see that the Janata force acts as a constant, clear and conscious watchdog on all our sayings and doing here and outside.

I am sorry that Shri C Subramaniam, the Finance Minister of the erstwhile Government is not present here and that the Leader of the Opposition is also not present. I am surprised that Shri Subramaniam and his colleague Shri George tried to create a division between the north and the south. But this country is indivisible and no Minister or ex-Minister can talk in terms of this part of India and that part of India. India is ultimately one indivisible nation.

Then, again, Shri Subramaniam's speech was amazing and equally amusing. His narration of the apparently illusory achievements during the Emergency to say the least is an exercise in futility. Even assuming that the argument of Shri Subramaniam was right and that there were some achievements or some gains during the emergency (I am taking this only as a matter of argument) I would like to ask him, in all humility,

but with all the force at my command, at what cost these so-called achievements were made? They were at the cost of human dignity at the cost of human freedom. The Congress Government had during the Emergency kept 200,000 and more people in jail, they had put two crores and more of people and their families in distress. The entire nation was enslaved and brought into conditions of deepest possible slavery and bondage which even the British days of India never saw. I say this with great disgust. With all these ugly events, the present opposition Members had the guts and the face to say that they had achievements to their credit! They should be ashamed of these things. At least they should have kept quiet and silent. But the tragedy is I am sorry to say so that the Congress Party which is now on the Opposition benches is in no mood to unlearn their past deeds and in no mood to learn afresh. If they cannot know how to unlearn their past deeds and how to learn afresh the new requirements, the new challenges, the new compulsions of political and spiritual democracy of this country then I am sorry for that Opposition. Even if it is numerically strong even if that Opposition has come for the first time, as an official Opposition in this House that Opposition cannot be strong merely in terms of number; they will have to be humble. That is why I am equally distressed when Mr George, an erstwhile Minister of the Congress Government says that people gave votes on emotions and that they were unthinking people. Mr George forgets that the same people gave them the majority in 1971. At that time the people were not unthinking, but now that that Party has been dismissed from power, he calls the people unthinking! I am glad that people have dismissed them from power and that the people did not dismiss them or eliminate them completely from this House. It is good to see some of them back in the House. But to say that people had voted on emotion and not on reason is to insult the people of this country. The electorate

of this country, though it may be illiterate, is not politically immature or politically unwise. It has been fed by Mahatma Gandhi, it has been fed by Lokamanya Tilak, it has been fed by Lala Lajpat Rai, it has been fed by Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, it has been fed by Motilal Nehru and Jawaharlal Nehru, and this electorate has shown in no unmistakable terms that people can act, and react both intellectually and emotionally. But I would say one more point to Mr George and his colleagues on the Opposition benches. Even if people have voted as a matter of reaction in terms of emotion, I want to ask them whether the people were not justified in showing that emotion. That emotion was justified in every single way because the manner in which the Indian people were humiliated and scores of excesses and atrocities perpetrated on them during the Emergency has no precedent, whatsoever, in any part of the civilized world—at any time in this country's history or in the history of any other country in the world. The deepest possible humiliation was inflicted on the Indian people, the deepest possible humiliation was inflicted on the Indian nation, the deepest possible humiliation was inflicted on the Indian culture, the deepest possible humiliation was inflicted on the Indian heritage. Are they to stand and tell us now that they are a responsible Opposition? I hope, they become at least a humble Opposition, an Opposition which will learn from the verdict of the people. Mrs Indira Gandhi and her Party said that Parliament was supreme and they amended the Constitution and crushed the people. Really speaking, on the top of Parliament of India is the Constitution and on the top of the Constitution, are the people. Mrs Indira Gandhi did the other way round. She crushed the people, twisted the Constitution and made Parliament a subservient body.

I was telling last year in this very House that God would not pardon these people for the sins they had committed, and God, through the voters of this country, has not pardoned

them for the sins they have committed during the Emergency.

I want to conclude by saying this. We know that the Finance Minister had no time to go into the economic policies and programmes. But I hope that he will be pragmatic and that ideological and doctrinaire considerations alone will not thwart the path of the new Janata Government in bringing economic progress.

Finally the acute problems of rising prices, of inflation and of deepening poverty will have to be solved in a spirit of dedication, and with intelligence, understanding, humility and truthfulness. Mahatma Gandhi's eternal message is as fresh and meaningful as ever. Governments functioning and style will have to be full of simplicity, economy and integrity. Before taking the oath here, we had gone to Rajghat, Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi, on 24th March morning and taken a pledge, I was one of those who had gone there. I told the spirit and Soul of Mahatma Gandhi: 'As elected representatives, we want to learn and practise from you an ounce of truthfulness and integrity in public life'. At the time of Mrs Indira Gandhi's Prime Ministership, the standards of public life and the values of public life were debased. We have to lift them up now, we have to lift the entire nation. Let us not forget that pledge.

I am very glad, Mr H M Patel, ended his very finely worded short speech by saying

"The House may rest assured that we shall keep our faith with the people."

There cannot be a better sentence than this. The Finance Minister says that the House may rest assured. The Finance Minister has given this solemn assurance on behalf of the entire House, not only on behalf of the majority Party, but on behalf of the whole House, that they will keep their faith with the people. Therefore, if we are true to the people, if we are selfless, if we are principled and if we are full of ideas and idealism as shown to us by Mahatma Gandhi,

thirty years Previously, Shrimati Indira Gandhi used to say that the Opposition was not responsible, and probably that is why, Lord has so ordained that we are in power today and they are in Opposition We would see now how responsible they are

I would like to congratulate the Minister of Finance for his budget and would request him that while they get time they must look at Orissa and see that there is no regional imbalance which had been the order of the day during the Congress Government In Orissa we do not have much railway We also want a fertilizer factory, a ship building industry and a second steel Plant I would be enumerating the demands of the people gradually when occasions will arise

श्री सारंग साय (सरगुजा) सभापति महोदया, मैं मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्वी किनारे से एक सुरक्षित सीट से आया हूँ। जैसा अभी हमारे आसाम के एक भाई ने भारत के पूर्वी किनारे में रहने वाले लोगों में निराश करने वाले भाइयों के बारे में कहा, मैं भी मध्य प्रदेश का होने के नाते या या कहूँ कि भारत के बीच के हिस्से या उसके आसपास रहने वाले आदिवासियों और हरिजनों के बारे में कहना चाहता हूँ। आज उन लोगों के सम्बन्ध में हमारे देश के शासन को उचित धन से सोचना होगा। पिछली कांग्रेस सरकार ने रेडियो और अखबारों से उनको नाना प्रकार की सुविधायें प्रदान की, लेकिन ये सुविधायें उन तक इस तरह से पहुँचती थी, जैसे किसी ने अपने खेत में गेहूँ बोया और नहर के द्वारा उसको सिंचाई की जा रही है, लेकिन उस नहर में इतने छेद हों कि नहर का पानी खेत तक पहुँच ही नहीं सका, अब उस खेत के गेहूँ का क्या हाल हुआ होगा, आप उसको समझ सकते हैं। उसी तरह से इस देश के आदिवासी और हरिजनों के लिये चाहे जितनी भी सुविधायें दी गई हो या अभी तक दी जा

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मैं आप सब बन्धुभा और इस माननीय सदन को यह भी अवगत कराना चाहता हूँ कि हमारे मध्य प्रदेश में आज भी कोई ऐसा जिला नहीं है जहाँ हमारे आदिवासी नगे न रहते हों। मुझे बड़े दुःख के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि इन तीस सालों के अन्दर हम उनको एक चियड़ा भी नहीं दे पाये हैं। हमारे प्रदेश में 17 ऐसे जिले हैं जिन में हरिजन और आदिवासी लोग अधिक संख्या में निवास करते हैं। जहाँ तक मेरी जानकारी है—मैं मध्य प्रदेश के सरगुजा क्षेत्र से आया हूँ और स्वयं भी एक आदिवासी हूँ—कांग्रेस सरकार की ओर से जो सुविधायें हम को दी गईं वे हम तक नहीं पहुँची। हमारे जितने जिले हैं वे सब आज भी पिछड़े हुए हैं। आवागमन और यातायात की दृष्टि से आज भी इन 17 जिलों की 95 प्रतिशत से अधिक जनता ने रेल तक नहीं देखी है, रेल में सवारी करने की बात तो भूल गई है। हमारे सरगुजा क्षेत्र में एक छोटी-सी रेल लाइन गई है, उससे हमारे जिले का मुख्यालय—भम्बिकापुर—केवल 14 मील है, लेकिन वहाँ तक भी यह नहीं पहुँच पाई है, शायद इस लिये कि यदि वह मुख्यालय तक पहुँच जायगी तो कुछ ज्यादा लोगों को उस की जानकारी हो जायेगी। उस जिले के विधायक से बिहार को जोड़ने के लिये एक लाइन की योजना बनी थी, उस का अर्थ-चर्क भी पूरा हो चुका था, लेकिन उस को पूरा नहीं किया गया। हमारे आदिवासियों की एक खूबी है—वे लोग चिल्लाना नहीं जानते, वे गड़बड़ नहीं करना चाहते, वे जिस का साथ देना चाहते हैं दिल से देते हैं और उस पर विश्वास रखते हैं। इसीलिये मुझ से पहले जो भाई यहाँ सदस्य थे उन्होंने इस बारे में कभी भावाज नहीं उठाई, इसी लिये कांग्रेस सरकार का ध्यान उस तरफ नहीं गया।

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as shown to us by God I am quite sure that the path will be well lighted we will have no difficulties or obstacles come what may we shall survive all the problems and make this a good and deserving Government and I am sure people will shower praise and admiration on this Government for the policies which I hope they will give in the next couple of months and years

SHRI SARAT KUMAR KAR (Cuttack) Madam Chairman I rise to support the on account budget presented by the hon Minister for Finance When I was listening to the ex Finance Minister Shri C Subramaniam, I was reminded as if I was listening to the All India Radio or All India Radio during emergency He was praising sky high the past performances of Congress government but in actual practice, it was just the reverse We were repeatedly told during emergency that there should be more work and less talk but the vice versa was done that is less work and more talk.

During the short time at my disposal, I would like to draw Government's attention to the regional imbalances in respect of certain States like Orissa Hundreds and hundreds of foundation stones had been laid but no project had been completed and the people of Orissa, according to the then government's statements have remained as a poor State Seventy five per cent of the population is below poverty line So far nothing has been done in spite of the fact that Orissa is full of natural resources. Compared to other States, Orissa has a sea coastline almost one-fourth of the entire country it has one-third of the forest wealth and one fourth of the mineral resources Its population is, however one thirtieth This shows how rich the State is. If we exploit the natural resources of Orissa in a systematic way we can build up this State like Japan and West Germany I am reminded of the ancient history of Orissa where it was recorded that the Oriyas were the pioneer mariners

and traders of India Ancient Sanskrit purans stated that the Kalingas Sahasika i.e the people of Kalings were courageous. But the present Orissa has remained poor due to utter negligence Unfortunately nothing has been done in this State only the foundation stones have been laid and the projects left uncompleted

Shri Sanjay Gandhi was all the time saying grow more trees but the fact remained that in order to welcome him, lakhs and lakhs of sal and teak-wood trees were cut, to make welcome gates and barricades for him. So these are all sheer contradictions of their utterances I have no time to enumerate them here today I would only like to remind the hon. Minister of Finance of the expectations of our people which should not be betrayed as it happened during 1967 to 1977 the Indira decade We cannot unmake within a few years what has been done during the last thirty years We cannot make up thirty years of unpreparedness within a short period, but we must assure our people of only two points, not the so called twenty-five points or the pointless slogans. First there would be a job for every individual and secondly at least two stomach full meals for everybody To begin with that should be our approach for the time being For this job and bread we will not surrender nor exchange our freedom.

During the last twenty months of emergency we have been repeatedly told that the railway trains have been running in time and that the industries are running efficiently but that does not mean that for that a nation should be made slave I am reminded of Hitler who said that a lie told a hundred times can become truth That has been the line of approach of the Congress Government.

AN HON MEMBER It is not Hitler but his Minister Goebbels.

SHRI SARAT KUMAR KAR All right, but Hitler was following that

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से हमारे जिले का मुख्यालय—अम्बिकापुर—
केवल 14 मील है, लेकिन वहाँ तक भी वह
नहीं पहुँच पाई है, शायद इस लिये कि यदि
वह मुख्यालय तक पहुँच जायगी तो कुछ
ज्यादा लोगों को उस की जानकारी हो जायेगी।
उस बिन्दु के विधामपुर से बिहार को जोड़ने
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वासियों की एक खूबी है—वे लोग चिस्लाना
नहीं जानते, वे गड़बड़ नहीं करना चाहते,
वे जिस का साथ देना चाहते हैं दिल से देते हैं
और उस पर विश्वास रखते हैं। इसी लिये मुझ
से पहले जो भाई यहाँ सदस्य थे उन्होंने इस बारे
में कभी आवाज नहीं उठाई, इसी लिये कांग्रेस
सरकार का ध्यान उस तरफ नहीं गया।

[श्री लारग मान]

मैडम चेयरमैन, वहाँ पर यह प्रभाव न उठने का कारण आज वह रेल बन्द हो गई है। कई जगह रेलवे क्वाटर्स बने हुए हैं और नदियों मधीनसे खड़े हुए हैं लेकिन वह प्राग्राम समाप्त कर दिया गया है।

आज पूरे देश में एक परिवर्तन आया है और उस परिवर्तन में हमारे आदिवासी और हरिजन भी पीछे नहीं रहे हैं। 30 साल तक कांग्रेस सरकार ने तरह तरह का प्रयास कर के हम लोगों को गुमराह किया है और भ्रष्टाचार में रखा है। इस बात को हम जानते हैं और आज हम सारे देश के साथ हैं। जैसा कि हमारे आसाम के एक भाई ने कहा, हम भी देशभक्त हैं और जहाँ तक देशभक्ति का सवाल है हम किसी में पीछे नहीं हैं। आज देश में जो परिवर्तन आया है, उस में भी हमारे आदिवासी भाई किसी में पीछे नहीं रहे हैं और इस परिवर्तन में उन्होंने साथ दिया है क्योंकि उन को भी कष्ट हुआ था।

जहाँ तक परिवार नियोजन का सवाल है, अगर सारे गांवों में निकाल कर देखे जाएं, तो यह पता चलेगा कि जो नमबन्दी हुई है, उस में अधिक मध्या में नमबन्दी आदिवासियों और हरिजनों की हुई है। हमारे मध्य प्रदेश में नहीं उन लोगों के लिए दवाईयों की कोई व्यवस्था थी और वहाँ पर कई जिलों में जो आपरेशन हुए हैं, उन के कारण बहुत से लोगों की मृत्यु हो गई है। उन लोगों की देखरेख अच्छी तरह से नहीं हुई है। वहाँ पर आदिवासियों को भ्रष्टाचार के नाटकों का सामना करना पड़ा है। मैं इस नई जनता सरकार से यह उम्मीद रखता हूँ कि जिस प्रकार से 30 वर्षों तक कांग्रेस सरकार ने आदिवासियों को भ्रष्टाचार में रख कर त्रास डटाया है और हम से बोट छिनी रही है, उसी प्रकार से यह नई सरकार नहीं करेगी और उन की भलाई के काम करेगी।

इस के साथ साथ मैं यह भी निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि आदिवासियों और

हरिजनों को जो भी सुविधाएँ दी जाएं, उस में देखा यह होगा कि वे सुविधाएँ ठीक ढंग से उन तक पहुँच रही हैं या नहीं। जहाँ तक सहयोग देने की बात है हम सरकार को पूरा सहयोग देंगे। अभी तक आदिवासी समाज और हरिजन समाज शोषित होता रहा है और कांग्रेस सरकार ने, जिस प्रकार उन का शोषण किया है, उस को बताने की स्थिति में मैं इस समय नहीं हूँ क्योंकि उस में बहुत अधिक समय लगेगा और उस शोषण को जनता ने बता ही दिया है और दिखा भी दिया है। मैं आप से कहना चाहता हूँ कि जो अब तक शोषण होता रहा है, उस को समाप्त किया जाए।

एक तरफ तो कांग्रेस सरकार हरित शान्ति का नारा लगा कर कहती थी कि अधिक भ्रष्ट उपजाग्र और दूसरी तरफ आदिवासियों की अच्छी जमीन, जिस को उन्होंने मेहनत करके भ्रष्ट बनाया था, लेकर उन को जंगलों में जाने को मजबूर कर देती थी। लगान का मामला आप से लोडिए। जितना सही लगान बनता था, उस से कहीं ज्यादा उन से वसूल किया जाता था और वज्रों का यह ढाल था कि जिन लोगों को कर्जा दिया जाता था उन से तो वसूल हुआ ही लेकिन जिन्होंने कर्ज नहीं लिया था, उन से भी वसूल कर लिया जाता था। आदिवासियों से कागजों पर दस्तखत करा लिये जाते थे जबकि कर्ज नहीं दिया जाता था और बाद में वह वसूल कर लिया जाता था। अगर यहाँ दिल्ली में बैठ कर आप यह सोचने लगेंगे कि आदिवासी और हरिजन समाज इस तरह की बातों से भ्रष्ट हो जायेंगे, तो यह नामुमकिन होगा। इसलिए मैं शासन में निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि आदिवासी और हरिजन समाज के प्रति सहानुभूतिपूर्वक विचार करने हुए, उन को भ्रष्ट बढाने के लिए आप को प्रयास करना होगा।

जहाँ तक नौकरियों का सम्बन्ध है, आज तक शासन ने 16 प्रतिशत और 22 प्रतिशत

स्थान देने के लिए भी प्रयास नहीं किया है और यह जो प्रतिशत सुरक्षित रखा गया था, वह किसी भी प्रदेश में पूरा नहीं हुआ है मैं नई सरकार से उम्मीद करता हूँ कि यह जो कमी रह गई है और जो प्रतिशत पूरा नहीं हुआ है उसको यह नई सरकार पूरा करेगी, ऐसी हम नई सरकार से अपेक्षा रखते हैं। कांग्रेस सरकार इस को करना चाहती थी लेकिन वह एक अलग भावना रखती थी। वह हम को समाज से अलग समझती थी। इसलिए हमारे साथ कोई प्रेम नहीं था। इसीलिए इस काम में ज्यादा तरक्की नहीं हुई। आज हम नई सरकार से उम्मीद करते हैं कि वह हमारे लिए कुछ काम करेगी क्योंकि हम भी समाज के एक अभिन्न अंग हैं। वह प्रेमपूर्वक और सहानुभूतिपूर्वक हमारी सहायता करने के लिए विचार करेगी।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूँ।

SHIRI BASHIR AHMAD (Fatehpur)
Madam Chairman I will place before you certain facts in regard to what the Government had done during the last 30 years especially during the period of emergency. The Opposition has been boasting of the so-called achievements made during the last 30 years. I will respectfully say that the past 30 years have given only blood and tears to the people of this country.

I will narrate a few events showing what the Government has done during the period of emergency—

False cases were lodged against our leaders. They were put behind the bars on false pretext under DIR and MISA. The Maintenance of Internal Security Act was applied without giving opportunity to the people to plead their case. It was the former Prime Minister who wanted to saddle herself in power after violating the provisions of the Constitution and the verdict of the High Court.

During this period of mis-rule of 30 years they wanted to divide the two

major communities of this country, the Hindus and the Muslims, by creating communal disturbance in this country. The rights and liberty of the people were done away with.

During these last 20 months of this emergency on the basis of compulsory sterilization firings were resorted to at Turkman Gate in Muzaffar Nagar, Sultanpur and various other places. Human beings lost their lives and blood was flowing like water and there was no opportunity granted to anybody to defend himself. Lives of the innocent people were taken.

The whole present financial position of this country is due to the misrule of the Congress Government especially during the 20 months of emergency. I dare say that the atrocities committed in the garb of compulsory sterilization, Defence of India Rule and the Maintenance of Internal Security Act are unparalleled in the history of the world. Even the worst dictators like Hitler, Mussolini and others have not dared to commit the sins which have been committed by the Ex Prime Minister and her son.

Bull dozers were used to demolish the buildings without any authority of law. Bullets were fired. Men were treated just like animals and were compulsorily sterilized.

The farmers had to leave their fields for fear of sterilization and MISA. There was economic stagnation of the poor. Teachers had to leave their service. Government officers had to proceed on leave. The entire financial position of these poor people was lost. There was nobody to inquire into these things.

The House is aware of the episode of Turkman Gate. The blood on the walls remind us of the tyranny committed by the Government. The tyranny committed by the Government in the last 20 months reminds us of the tyrannies committed by Chengiz Khan and Haisaku. Innocent persons were confined to jail. Even respectable persons were not spared.

[Shri Bashir Ahmed]

I can narrate the events showing that the lives of young and talented men were taken. Children were turned orphans. Women were turned widows. They are still living like destitutes and refugees. Lakhs and lakhs of persons have turned refugees. Their houses have been demolished—having been bulldozed.

I will respectfully say that our Finance Minister should take a note of this situation. The Opposition has no courage to deny all these facts.

Lakhs of rupees were spent on the visit of Sanjay Gandhi to various places specially in UP, Bihar, Punjab and Haryana. From what source has that money come? He was a private individual. I know under the Constitution there is no provision of money for unofficial visits. The taxpayers' money should not have been spent on the visits of Mr. Sanjay Gandhi. Crores of rupees have been spent on his visits. I will request my Government and the hon. Finance Minister to institute an independent inquiry. Rather a commission of inquiry should be instituted and the Chief Ministers who have spent moneys in this manner should be personally held responsible for these things. A proper inquiry should be instituted against the former Prime Minister and her son and all those moneys which have been illegally spent should be got refunded from their personal property.

Sir, the way the Congress Government ruled during the past 30 years reminds us of the way in which Englishmen were ruling this country, namely the policy of divide and rule between the two major communities that is, Hindus and Muslims. Now Sir an attempt is being made by the former Finance Minister, Shri Subramaniam, to create division between North and South. This is a matter of great shame.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (Palani)
Madam Chairman, it was not my

point to create any difference between North and South. The pattern of voting is a fact. This should not lead to polarisation between North and South. Since this is being harped upon member after member I want to clear this point. The Finance Minister should take note of it.

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD: Madam Chairman, I want to respectfully submit that when the Congress was in power it resorted to dubious and mean tactics. During the last thirty years they resorted to one tactic after another for creating communal differences so as to keep themselves saddled in power. They created the bogey of RSS and Jan Sangh against Muslims. Now, they want to again create dissension in the country. I want to remind the House that the speech of Mr. Qureshi has created the bogey of Kashmir. I warn the House that they should beware of the tactics of the Congress party. They want to create confusion by these tactics and speeches. People have already rejected them and they can never recover their position by these tactics. They faced their Waterloo at every place. The author of this doctrine has also failed. Her son has also failed.

Madam Chairman, they talk about smugglers. I want to know who are the creators of these smugglers. It is the Congress party which took funds from these people. They gave shelters to these smugglers. So they are responsible for smuggling in this country. When they wanted to bring about deflation in the country they took the step to arrest them but the House should remember that they did not bring them before the courts. Had they been brought before the courts they would have explained as to how money they had given to the Congress party. Therefore they were restrained from making any statement in courts. This is

the manner in which the smuggling was encouraged by them. They were authors of corruption and sin. I come from a constituency of Uttar Pradesh Fatehpur and Banda which are one of the backward areas of Uttar Pradesh. I know to whichever villages I went I found that even in March the wells had dried up the canals were dried up the people were craving for drinking water. This is the position in this country of which they are proud. People were not getting any drinking water. There were no roads there were no outlets in the villages. People were starving farmers were starving children were weeping and there were tears in the eyes of the people wherever I visited. The neighbouring constituency of mine immediately adjoining it is Rae Bareilly district. A large number of industrial projects were taken up in Rae Bareilly district but no project was taken up in Fatehpur district. Why these various industrial projects were undertaken in Rae Bareilly? I ask this question from these Congressmen. It was merely to corrupt the people of Rae Bareilly. And they wanted to corrupt and bribe the people and the voters but the voters were extremely wise. And no improvement was made in my constituency which is hardly a furlong from Rae Bareilly district from which Indira Gandhi contested. I will ask one question. Is there any tradition with them that there were so many projects in Rae Bareilly which was backward area. Fatehpur was also an equally backward area and both are adjoining each other but not a single project was taken up to create any employment opportunity to the people of Fatehpur. This was really with a view to corrupt the voters. And that principle of corruption also failed and the people rejected her.

Now one thing I want to mention before the hon. Finance Minister is that a large number of people had been detained under the MISA. Now, it is extremely important that all

those detainees should be rehabilitated. The victims are those persons who have given their lives. They are all national heroes. I dare say that we have got freedom only after 30 years. The real freedom is now with us. We have been delivered of a misrule and a corrupt rule and we are really free. Adequate provision should be made in the Budget for these persons who are such victims. Rehabilitation grants and maintenance grants should be immediately allocated to these MISA detainees and to the heirs of the deceased victims. I know the plight of these persons. All those persons are poor economically backward and those persons should be immediately rehabilitated. Maintenance allowance should be granted to them.

I have also moved a token motion on that ground that immediate provision should be made to rehabilitate them and that will be the only one succour to them and they should also be provided compensation for the loss of their lives in the jails. I know how people were detained and how people's lives were lost. Thousands of people have died and their heirs are starving and there is no one to look after them. They should be given all adequate facilities of education employment and everything and a provision should be made in the Budget accordingly. They should also be freed from the income-tax and other liabilities during the period they were under detention. That is also my submission. An adequate provision should also be made to amend the Finance Bill. Now these are all various steps which should be taken to provide relief and succour to these people. Amongst them directives should also be issued to reinstate the victimised people on account of compulsory sterilisation. Many deaths have occurred on account of compulsory sterilisation. Compensation should also be provided to those persons. They are also national heroes. The increments and promotions of many Government

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servants have been stopped and they should also be provided with their jobs their increments should be revived and they should also be reinstated. That sort of provision should also be made in the Budget for those persons.

We have to remove these ills which have been done during these past 20 months of these atrocious and tyrannical rule of the former Government.

15 hrs.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL) Madam Chairman, I have listened with great interest to the speeches made during the budget debate on both sides of the House and I shall give full consideration to the various suggestions made in these speeches. But before I proceed to offer my observations on some of the important points and the suggestions made here I would like to deal with some general remarks made by Shri Subramaniam. Shri Subramaniam in his maiden speech as an Opposition leader undoubtedly acquitted himself well as was only to be expected. But he is clearly not very certain of himself in his new role. I have no doubt that he will soon reconcile himself to the new situation and would regain the clarity of thinking which we usually associate with him. I say this because he does appear to have displayed some extraordinary confusion in his thinking in some of his initial observations. He drew pointed attention of the House to what he called a particular pattern in the verdict of the people. I would read his actual words:

"The whole of the South has given a particular pattern of verdict. Are you going to say that this is of no consequence what the South thinks about the political situation? Are you going to say that the non-Hindi-speaking people are a matter of no concern for us? Therefore, when I said that

the verdict of the people has been gracefully accepted by the former Prime Minister, I want to point out to the present Prime Minister that there has been a particular pattern in the verdict particularly in the southern States by 17 crores of people and this will have to be kept in mind."

(Interruptions)

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM I do not believe in North or South.

SHRI H. M. PATEL I am quoting your own speech.

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola) You also take into consideration the personal explanation given by him.

SHRI H. M. PATEL I am quoting Mr. Subramaniam's observations. Please listen to me.

(Interruptions)

Madam Chairman I had expected that the Opposition would behave with some dignity and grace. I am quoting Mr. Subramaniam's observations. Let me continue.

SHRI VASANT SATHE That is partial.

SHRI H. M. PATEL I am reading his observations word by word. This is what has been said and I am merely asking for an explanation. He drew pointed attention to this. Then what does it mean exactly? He has said that the whole of the South has given a particular pattern of verdict and then he links it up with his earlier observations. That is why he has said that the verdict of the people has been gracefully accepted by the former Prime Minister. Then what else could he have done—whatever the pattern of the verdict—so far as the graceful acceptance is concerned? Is Mr. Subramaniam suggesting that the Prime Minister had some idea of saying "I will continue in the Government for the South and this Government may be for the North"? Is it the idea to divide this country into two? What is the graceful acceptance about? Then the pattern of verdict has no meaning whatsoever. And then he goes on to say ..

SHRI VASANT SATHE The meaning is don't gloat over it

SHRI H M PATEL Who is gloating over it? There is no question of gloating over it. I am merely quoting very quietly from the observations of Mr Subramaniam himself. I am expressing my surprise that someone like Mr Subramaniam should have let fall remarks of this nature which clearly can only mean that somehow he wishes to show that the south and the north are different. The only reasonable inference from this should be for the Congress Party to make enquiries as to why is it that the north has so completely and thoroughly repudiated the Congress Party. That is the real matter for his consideration.

You can go on to say that the Janta Party may equally go into the question as to why the south has voted as it has done. Certainly you can say that but there is no question of making remarks such as Mr Subramaniam has chosen to make.

Mr Subramaniam goes on to say

"I am sorry I have some more unpleasant things to say. Even the three members who adorn the Janta Party from Tamil Nadu today did not come as Janta Party people. They came in the disguise of Cong(O).

What is the disguise? They are Janta Party members. They subscribed to the Janta Party programmes and policies. Then he goes on to say

"Take all the mighty Janta heroes—Shri George Fernandes, Shri Madhu Limbe, Shri Ravindra Varma, Shri H V Kamath—all of them sought political asylum in"—see the sneering term—"the enlightened State of Bihar instead of facing their own people in their own home States"

Is Mr Subramaniam so completely unaware of the Constitution of this country? Does he not know that the Constitution makes express provision that any person who is an Indian citizen has only to have the voting right to be able to stand as a candidate in any part of the country? The Constitution was in this way emphasising the fact that India is one. Why is Mr Subramaniam suddenly so desirous of trying to say that this is not the case? I hope that it is not Mr Subramaniam's intention or that of the opposition to encourage divisive tendencies.

I appreciate Shri Subramaniam's kind words about myself but even here he has allowed some confusion to cloud his thinking when he went on to express the hope that I would not allow my Swatantra background to influence my thinking in regard to the budget that I would be presenting to this House. I would like to remind him that I now belong to the Janta Party and that those who have joined the Janta Party whatever their earlier background have accepted the policies and programmes which the Janta Party has laid before the public. It is that policy and programme which every member of the Janta Party whatever his or her background has accepted as the definite policy and programme for which he or she will strive.

As the House knows this Government came into power only a few days ago. As such we have had no time to formulate a coherent economic programme. However this process has already started and I shall outline our thinking and priorities at the time of the presentation of the regular budget some time in May. At this stage I am requesting the House merely to pass a Vote on Account in order to enable the essential business of Government to be carried on in the early months of 1977-78.

[Shri H M Patel]

Shri Subramaniam has criticised me for not having touched on the state of the economy in my budget speech. This is not because I have no views on the state of the economy. I refrained from doing so because I intended to give a balanced assessment of the state of the economy, its problems, prospects and policy options at the time of the presentation of the regular budget in May. However, since Shri Subramaniam has raised this issue, I shall utilise this opportunity to say a few words on this subject.

Let me say at the very outset that I do not agree that the economy we have inherited is as rosy as painted by Shri Subramaniam and Shri A C George. Shri Subramaniam referred to the growth of national income of 8.5 per cent in 1975-76 but he forgot to mention that this came in the wake of a growth of 0.2 per cent of national income in 1974-75. I need not tell the House that the increase in national income in 1975-76 was largely a consequence of favourable weather conditions. That the state of the Indian economy is far from healthy will be borne out by the fact that in the current year national income is at best expected to increase only by about 2 per cent. Shri C Subramaniam conveniently forgot to mention that Agricultural production is expected to show a substantial decline in the current year. The production trends in respect of coarse grains, pulses and oilseeds are highly discouraging. Even in a commodity like cotton offering an undoubted potential for growth, wrong pricing and procurement policies of the previous Government have led to a steep fall in production in the last two years. Overall one can hardly derive any comfort from the fact that in the least four or five years there has been little increase in per capita income. This is hardly a record to feel proud of. The fact that the long

term growth rate of national income after nearly 25 years of planning has not exceeded 3.5 per cent per annum is an eloquent testimony to the efficacy of planning priorities and techniques followed by the previous Government. As brought out in the document of the Fifth Five Year Plan prepared by the previous Government in nearly 38 per cent of districts in India, the growth rate during the ten year period 1952-63 to 1972-73 was either negative or less than 1 per cent per annum.

The proportion of people below the poverty line has increased to an intolerable level. The problem of unemployment appears more menacing than ever before. It is a great pity that the Fifth Five Year Plan approved last year by the previous Government does not offer any tangible solutions to this grave problem.

Shri Subramaniam referred to the primacy of agriculture to which he says his Government had been dedicated. However, the actual policies pursued by the previous Government do not convey this impression. He has stated that in allocating resources for irrigation, finance has not been a constraint and that whatever money could be utilised efficiently has been provided for. If this indeed is the case then it is a sad commentary on the administrative efficiency bequeathed to us by the previous Government. In a country where 75 per cent of the area is still unirrigated there must be vast potential for a rapid expansion of the irrigation facilities. Why is irrigation potential not expanding fast enough? Why is it that utilisation of the irrigation potential that has actually been created continues to be unsatisfactory? If I may say so the previous Government deliberately stood in the way of optimum utilisation of the water resources of the country. Inter-State water disputes were allowed to drag on despite the pressing need for more irrigation. The House perhaps knows

that in the case of the Narbada project, the former Prime Minister refused to provide the decisive lead even when all the four concerned States had agreed to abide by her award. There has been no systematic planning of the vast ground water resources, particularly in Eastern India.

Shri Subramaniam has talked about the improved performance of India's industrial economy. However, one cannot get away from the fact that despite a 9 per cent increase in industrial production in 1976-77, the rate of growth of industrial production in the last decade was no higher than 4 per cent. Even to day, a large number of industries such as coal, steel, textiles and engineering are faced with lack of adequate demand which has greatly affected the growth of employment opportunities. Large number of industries show growing signs of sickness. This is a state of affairs which cannot but cause alarm.

Both Shri Subramaniam and Shri A. C. George have referred to the undoubted rapid growth of our exports. However, even in this area, the policies of the previous Government showed inconsistency and incoherence. Witness, for example, their attempts to export essential commodities like onions, raw cotton and groundnut oil, which in turn led to pressure on domestic supplies and consequently a rise in prices, causing great hardships to consumers all over India.

On the import side, despite mounting foreign exchange reserves, the previous Government failed to take timely decisions for the import of sensitive commodities like vegetable oils and raw cotton. Even though imports of vegetable oils are now beginning to have a stabilizing effect on prices, these imports were effected only after considerable delay; in the meanwhile the public underwent great hardships. It is no use boasting about

foreign exchange reserves if they cannot be used to promote the country's growth.

Shri Subramaniam and Shri A. C. George have drawn the House's attention to the increase in inward remittances and they have argued that this was made possible by the crack-down on smuggling under the Emergency. Throughout their speeches they have sought to create an impression that they would like the Emergency to be brought back and that this country needs a perpetual state of Emergency to realise its economic potential. We, on this side, completely repudiate that sort of assumption. We sincerely believe that it is possible to realize the fruits of economic growth without sacrificing fundamental rights, human liberty and the rule of law.

What surprises me is that with such deep concern about smugglers and smuggling, the previous Government should, after having allowed the emergency to continue throughout the period of the election process, have lifted it with such unseemly haste on the 21st of March, with the full knowledge that the Prime Minister would be resigning within the next few days. Surely, the previous Government, had they been wise and responsible should have taken steps to ensure that smugglers and foreign exchange racketeers do not, upon release, run amuck and are rendered incapable of mischief.

We are determined nevertheless to see that smuggling is firmly curbed in a very real sense and I would assure this House that smugglers would not be allowed to indulge in anti-social action without let or hindrance. They will be given no quarter. But while saying this, I should make it clear that we do not consider that the proclamation of emergency is the only method of keeping smugglers and foreign exchange manipulators in check. It is our firm belief that this could be done by making effective use of the ordinary laws of the land. We also believe that wherever necessary

[Shri H. M. Patel]

ordinary legal processes ought to be strengthened in order to plug loopholes. We certainly do not regard a prolonged preventive detention without trial as the only effective means for curbing smuggling. As everyone knows, the fact that smuggling had assumed such great proportions was largely a consequence of the faulty policies pursued by the previous Government and the laxity of its administrative machinery. After all, why did they not take action against smugglers earlier than 1974? Clearly, they did not want to do so because of a lack of will for reasons which are well known.

I should like to tell the House that in the current year in which national income growth is not likely to exceed 2 per cent money supply has been allowed by the previous Government to expand by as much as 17 per cent. Shri Subramaniam himself referred to credit relaxation brought about in the last two months. If he was so concerned with the growth of money supply, may I ask why did he allow this relaxation to come about? On our part, we do not believe that credit squeeze is good in itself. It is our view that credit policies must be so formulated that they are flexible enough to provide adequate incentive to increased production without generating inflationary pressures in the economy.

As a result of faulty economic management of the economy, prices have risen by 12 per cent in the course of the last one year. The common man can derive no comfort from the fact that the inflation rate in India is less than elsewhere. In a country of stagnant real incomes, even a mild rise in prices brings about a sharp decline in the standard of living of the poorer sections of society. Certainly an increase of 12 per cent in prices in a single year cannot be considered a

mild one. In spite of this staggering increase, Shri Subramaniam seems to be under the delusion that he had successfully contained inflationary pressures.

Shri Somnath Chatterjee has referred to the need to scrap the Compulsory Deposit Scheme and to restore bonus to workers. I am sure he would not expect me to provide an immediate response to such pleas. I can, however, assure him that these issues will be carefully examined before the presentation of the regular budget.

Shri Chatterjee also mentioned that "a large number of employees were dismissed under article 311(2)(c) without enquiry". The matter is being gone into and a statement will be made on this subject shortly.

Shri Charan referred to the problems of the eastern region. I shall go into the various points made by him and take action in due course.

The economy is today faced with problems of inadequate growth, both in agriculture and industry, growing sickness in industry and increasing unemployment. In solving these formidable problems, we shall need the goodwill and cooperation of all sections of this House. In the budget that I shall be presenting in May 1977, I hope to outline our thinking for the solution of these problems. In the meanwhile this interim budget which is before you has been prepared under the direction of Shri Subramaniam. Therefore, it deserves his support. He can reserve his ammunition for the regular budget to be presented in May.

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM Sir, on a point of clarification, India has gained a new image in the international world in regard to the strength of our economy. It is not my statement; it is borne out by reports of international organisations, reports of international experts and pronouncements in international conferences and committees.

As a matter of fact, in the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference at Hongkong, one of the leading dailies came out with an editorial in which a suggestion was made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the British Government that he should not look to the London economists for guidance with regard to the management of the British economy, he should rather go to New Delhi for guidance. I am not boasting about it, this is what he said. Then, our performance on the food front, our performance on the foreign exchange reserve front.... (interruptions) all these have been hailed. (interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order. You have already made your speech, which is before the House. You have made the opening speech. Now, after the Finance Minister's speech, by rising on a point of order, if you go on making a speech ...

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM: Yesterday Dr Subramaniam Swamy referred to me and said so many things (interruptions).

MR CHAIRMAN. If he had mentioned anything in his speech, you should have raised it at that time. But now, after the Finance Minister has replied to the debate, you cannot make a speech. So, please sit down.

You may mention that on another occasion. There is no time for putting any question now.

SHRI C SUBRAMANIAM: I am not going to waste the time of the House. I am a responsible Member of the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am not allowing anything to be raised now. I now put all the cut motions together to the vote of the House.

All the cut motions were put and negatived.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is:

"That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the order paper, be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of India on account, for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1978, in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos 1 to 109."

The motion was adopted.

[List of Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 1977-78, voted by Lok Sabha]

No of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant on account voted by the House	
1	2	3	
		Revenue Rs	Capital] Rs
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION			
1.	Department of Agriculture	81,41,000	--
2.	Agriculture	62,85,93,000	173,68,30,000
3.	Fisheries	7,06,12,000	3,82,74,000
4.	Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development	18,72,66,000	2,20,60,000

1	2	3
	Revenue	Capital
	Rs.	Rs.
5. Forest	5,29,52,000	46,67,000
6. Department of Food	2,03,03,79,000	14,72,51,000
7. Department of Rural Development	45,69,83,000	5,68,07,000
8. Department of Agricultural Research and Education	2,55,000	..
9. Payments to Indian Council of Agricultural Research	19,49,75,000	
10. Department of Irrigation	7,93,01,000	2,47,25,000

MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

11. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	14,35,000	.
12. Chemicals and Fertilizers Industries	25,000	1,56,79,64,000

MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION

13. Ministry of Civil Supplies and Cooperation	12,27,000	..
14. Civil Supplies and Cooperation	7,57,74,000	7,21,16,000

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

15. Ministry of Commerce	43,50,000	..
16. Foreign Trade and Export Production	1,31,54,90,000	106,22,44,000

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

17. Ministry of Communications	54,34,000	4,27,33,000
18. Overseas Communications Service	3,59,10,000	2,83,45,000
19. Posts and Telegraphs — Working Expenses	2,03,52,45,000	..
20. Posts and Telegraphs—Dividend to General Revenues, Appropriations to Reserve Funds and Repayment of Loans from General Revenues	54,56,43,000	..
21. Capital Outlay on Posts and Telegraphs . . . . .	..	115,02,67,000

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

22. Ministry of Defence	24,05,84,000	17,08,68,000
23. Defence Services—Army	598,83,47,000	..
24. Defence Services — Navy	62,58,65,000	.
25. Defence Services — Air Force	191,84,23,000	
26. Defence Services — Pensions	37,15,02,000	..
27. Capital Outlay on Defence Service		102,10,01,000

1	2	3
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE		
	Revenue	Capital
	Rs.	Rs.
28	Department of Education	52,53,000 ..
29.	Education	62,46,11,000 26,90,000
30	Department of Social Welfare	6,76,70,000
MINISTRY OF ENERGY		
31.	Ministry of Energy	22,75,000
32.	Power Development	17,28,69,000 48,52,31,000
33.	Coal and Lignite	7,67,68,000 113,10,00,000
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS		
34	Ministry of External Affairs	38,33,79,000 2 80,47,000
MINISTRY OF FINANCE		
35	Ministry of Finance	10,28,04,000
36	Stamps	7,82,67,000 38,26,000
37.	Audit	19,75,00,000
38	Currency, Coinage and Mint	16,11,77,000 8,35,12,000
39	Pensions	17,78,50,000
40	Transfers to State and Union Territory Governments	182,48,33,000
41	Other Expenditure of the Ministry of Finance .	59,81,33,000 155,32,73,000
42	Loans to Government Servents, etc	19,33,33,000
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANKING		
43	Department of Revenue and Banking	2,22,19,000 38,33,49,000
44.	Customs	8,92,94,000 ,
45	Union Excise Duties	15,89,20,000 ,
46	Taxes on Income, Estate Duty, Wealth Tax and Gift Tax	14,77,60,000
47.	Opium and Alkaloid Factories	24,69,87,000 24,50,000
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING		
48	Ministry of Health and Family planning .	28,17 000
49	Medical and Public Health	38,85,35,000 19,31,41,000
50.	Family Planning	43,38,28,000 4,67,000

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			Revenue Rs	Capital Rs
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS				
51	Ministry of Home Affairs . . .	87 62 000	..	
52.	Cabinet .	64 73,000		
53	Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms	2 73,08,000		
54.	Police	70 50,83,000	2 16,67,000	
55	Census	1,26 79,000		
56	Other Expenditure of the Ministry of Home Affairs	52 34 16,000	19 39 58,000	
57	Delhi	44 13 68,000	26,47,00,000	
58	Chandigarh	6 51,58,000	3 13 76,000	
59	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7,74,24,000	3 77,87,000	
60	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	78 96,000	70,04,000	
61	Lakshadweep	1 52 34,000	52 13 000	
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY				
62	Ministry of Industry .	1,05 87,000		
63	Industries	7 98 69 000	80,44,89,000	
64.	Large and Small Industries	12 81,28 000	10 82,78,000	
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING				
65	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	27 95,000		
66	Information and Publicity	6 62,44,000	77 57,000	
67	Broadcasting	19 55,04,000	8 53 59,000	
MINISTRY OF LABOUR				
68	Ministry of Labour	28 33,000		
69	Labour and Employment .	22 46 00,000	1 15,000	
MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS				
70	Ministry of Law, Justice and Company affairs	4,43 60,000		
71	Administration of Justice	12 56,000		
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM				
72	Ministry of Petroleum	21,49,000		
73	Petroleum and Petro-Chemicals Industries	21,73 61,000	144,97 15,000	

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		Revenue Rs.
		Capital Rs.
MINISTRY OF PLANNING		
74.	Ministry of Planning	2,70,000
75.	Statistics	4,48,70,000
76.	Planning Commission	2,25,75,000
77.	Department of Science and Technology	6,92,55,000
78.	Survey of India	6,24,57,000
79.	Grants to Council of Scientific and Industrial Research	17,17,09,000
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT		
80.	Ministry of Shipping and Transport.	99,24,000
81.	Roads	30,80,99,000
82.	Ports, Lighthouses and Shipping	10,58,01,000
83.	Road and Inland Water Transport.	20,78,000
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES		
84.	Department of Steel	26,31,04,000
85.	Department of Mines	10,67,000
86.	Mines and Minerals	14,50,80,000
MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION		
87.	Department of Supply	8,14,000
88.	Supplies and Disposals	2,54,58,000
89.	Department of Rehabilitation	8,41,75,000
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION		
90.	Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation	18,70,000
91.	Meteorology	5,75,05,000
92.	Aviation	8,28,34,000
93.	Tourism	1,54,82,000

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		Revenue Rs.	
		Capital Rs	
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING			
94	Ministry of Works and Housing	41,80,000	..
95	Public Works	21,49,55,000	9,80,26,000
96.	Water Supply and Sewerage	1,00,37,000	..
97.	Housing and Urban Development	4,39,22,000	11,10,75,000
98	Stationery and Printing	10,51,73,000	..
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY			
99.	Department of Atomic Energy	16,96,000	..
100	Atomic Energy Research, Development and Industrial Project	21,95,70,000	31,71,41,000
101.	Nuclear Power Schemes	13,92,89,000	19,34,68,000
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE			
102.	Department of Culture	3,03,99,000	.
103	Archaeology	2,26,66,000	
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS			
104	Department of Electronics	2,82,33,000	1,48,43,000
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE			
105.	Department of Space	12,99,72,000	2,91,61,000
PARLIAMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SECRETARIATS OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AND UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION			
106.	Lok Sabha	1,51,10,000	..
107	Rajya Sabha	65,45,000	..
108.	Department of Parliamentary Affairs	6,43,000	..
109.	Secretariat of the Vice-President	1,88,000	..

1526 hrs.

APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON AC
COUNT) BILL* 1977

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND
REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H
M. PATEL) I beg to move for leave
to introduce a Bill to provide for the
withdrawal of certain sums from and
out of the Consolidated Fund of India
for the services of a part of the finan-
cial year 1977-78

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That leave be granted to intro-
duce a Bill to provide for the with-
drawal of certain sums from and
out of the Consolidated Fund of
India for the services of a part of
the financial year 1977-78

*The motion was adopted*SHRI H M PATEL I introduce
the Bill.I beg to move[†]

"That the Bill to provide for the
withdrawal of certain sums from
and out of the Consolidated Fund
of India for the services of a part
of the financial year 1977-78 be
taken into consideration

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be provide for the
withdrawal of certain sums from
and out of Consolidated Fund of
India for the services of a part of
the financial year 1977-78 be taken
into consideration"

The motion was adopted

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That Clauses 2 to 4 the Schedule
Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and
the Title stand part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Cluses 2 to 4 the Schedule Clause 1
the Enacting Formula and the Title
were added to the Bill

SHRI H M PATEL I beg to move

That the Bill be passed

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted

1530 hrs

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS** FOR
GRANTS (GENERAL) 1976-77

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That the respective Supplemen-
tary sums not exceeding the amounts
on Revenue Account and Capital
Account shown in the third column
of the Order Paper be granted to the
President out of the Consolidated
Fund of India to defray the charges
that will come in course of payment
during the year ending the 31st day
of March 1977 in respect of the fol-
lowing demands entered in the second
column thereof—

Demands Nos 2 to 4 6 7 9 10
12 to 14 19 to 21 23 24 26 27
29 30 32 34 36 38 to 41 43 to 5⁹
54 to 62, 64 to 68 71 72 76 77 79
to 81 83 88 90 9⁹ to 94 and 96
to 99

The motion was adopted

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acting as President

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List of Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 1976-77 voted by Lo' Saohz.

No. of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant	
1	2	3	
		Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION			
2	Agriculture	[1,000	..
3	Fisheries . . . . .	..	61,00,000
4	Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development	98,95,000	..
6	Department of food	324,94,51,000	25,95,51,000
7	Department of Rural Development . . . . .	..	3,00,00,000
9	Payments to Indian Council of Agricultural Research	49,82,000	..
10	Department of Irrigation	2,03,71,000	..
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS			
12	Chemicals and Fertilizers Industries; . . . . .	..	86,96,00,000
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE			
13	Ministry of Commerce	21,63,000	..
14	Foreign Trade and Export Production	122,20,96,000	3,000
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS			
19	Capital Outlay on Posts and Telegraphs . . . . .	..	20,96,00,000
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE			
20	Ministry of Defence	3,26,000	4,16,83,000
21	Defence Services-Army	89,09,38,000	..
23	Defence Services-Air Force	21,43,82,000	..
24	Defence Services-Pensions	2,83,93,000	..
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE			
26	Department of Education	8,90,000	..
27	Education	2,000	..
MINISTRY OF ENERGY			
29	Ministry of Energy	3,48,000	..

		1	2	3
			Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs
30	Power Development		1,000	16,58,40,000
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS				
32	Ministry of External Affairs		10,08,30,000	..
MINISTRY OF FINANCE				
34	Stamps		2,74,71,000	.
36	Currency, Coinage and Mint		8,62,09,000	7,90,51,000
38	Transfers to State and Union Territory Governments		111,85,78,000	..
39	Other Expenditure of the Ministry of Finance		14,54,00,000	..
40	Loans to Government Servants, etc		..	28,85,00,000
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND BANK- ING				
41	Department of Revenue and Banking		1,14,07,000	23,65,63,000
43	Union Excise Duties		78,14,000	..
44	Taxes on Income, Estate Duty, Wealth Tax and Gift Tax		1,99,85,000	.
45	Opium and Alkaloid Factories		88,63,000	..
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING				
46	Ministry of Health and Family Planning		8,44,000	..
47	Medical and Public Health		10,17,54,000	8,95,46,000
48	Family Planning		27,20,90,000	..
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS				
49	Ministry of Home Affairs		50,71,000	..
50	Cabinet		78,48,000	..
51	Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms		93,43,000	..
52	Police		13,55,43,000	1 00 00,000
54	Other Expenditure of the Ministry of Home Affairs		1,52,55,000	2,07,11,000
55	Delhi		11,67,54,000	21,92,78,000
56	Chandigarh		1,39,39,000	..
57	Andaman and Nicobar Islands		2,05,32,000	2,24,000
58	Dadra and Nagar Haveli,		8,64,000	..
59	Lakshadweep		1,58,32,000	16,54,000

1	2	3
	Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES		
60	Ministry of Industry and Civil Supplies	2,78,000 .
61	Industries . . . . .	.. 26,90,25,000
62	Village and Small Industries	42,81,000 2,000
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING		
64	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	21,55,000 ..
65	Information and Publicity	2,92,61,000 ..
66	Broadcasting	17,64,69,000 ..
MINISTRY OF LABOUR		
67	Ministry of Labour	6,00,000 ..
68	Labour and Employment	6,98,94,000 ..
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM		
71	Ministry of Petroleum	16,69,000 ..
72	Petroleum and Petrol-Chemicals Industries . . . . .	.. 4,000
MINISTRY OF PLANNING		
76	Department of Science and Technology	2,20,90,000 ..
77	Survey of India	20,00,000 ..
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT		
79	Ministry of Shipping and Transport	29,80,000 ..
80	Roads	4,76,48,000 92,90,000
81	Ports, Lighthouses and Shipping	4,87,80,000 18,17,75,000
MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES		
83	Department of Steel	2,82,58,000 1,000
MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION		
83	Department of Rehabilitation . . . . .	.. 1,000
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION		
90	Meteorology	1,000 1,000
92	Tourism	24,05,000

1	2	3
	Revenue Rs	Capital Rs
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING		
93	Ministry of Works and Housing	5 63,000
94	Public Works	9 19 91 000
96	Housing and Urban Development	2 32 39,000
97	Stat onery and Printing	14 83,000
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY		
98	Department of Atomic Energy	1,00 000
99	Atomic Energy Research, Development and Indus- trial Projects	2 85 41,000

15 31 hrs

APPROPRIATION BILL** 1977

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) Sir I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976 77

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976 77

The motion was adopted

SHRI H M PATEL Sir I introduce† the Bill.

Sir I beg to move††

That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain

further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976 77, be taken into consideration

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1976 77 be taken into consideration

The motion was adopted

MR CHAIRMAN We shall now take up the Clauses The question is

That Clauses 2 and 3 the Schedule Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 and 3 the Schedule Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

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††Moved with the recommendation of the Vice President acting as President.

SHRI H M PATEL: I beg to move

MR CHAIRMAN. We shall now take up item Nos 11 and 12 together

"That the Bill be passed"

Motion moved

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted.

"That the respective sums not exceeding the Amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper, be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu, on account, for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1978, in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos 1 to 57"

15 33 hrs.

**TAMIL NADU BUDGET, 1977-78—
GENERAL DISCUSSION AND DEMANDS** FOR GRANTS ON
ACCOUNT, 1977 78**

Any hon Member wants to speak on this

Last of Demands for Grants on Account (Tamil Nadu) for 1977-78 submitted to vote of Lok Sabha

No of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant on Account	
1	2	3	
		Revenue	Capital
		Rs	Rs
1	Land Revenue Department	1,69,66,000	..
2	State Excise Department	25,83,000	..
3	Motor Vehicles Acts—Administration	37,79,000	..
4	General Sales Tax and Other Taxes and Duties—Administration	2,08,52,000	..
5	Stamps Administration	23,25,000	..
6	Registration	88,63,000	..
7	State Legislature	11,13,000	..
8	Elections	11,71,000	..
9	Head of State, Ministers and Headquarters Staff	5,30,46,000	..
10	Milk Supply Schemes	41,54,000	..
11	District Administration	6,35,55,000	..

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	Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.
12	Administration of the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act 1959	54 9 000
13	Administration of Justice	1 60 39,000
14	Jails	2 19 29,000
15	Police	13 15,09,000
16	Fire Services	96,00 000
17	Education	61 9 18,000
18	Medical	18,08 17,000
19	Public Health	11,03 73,000
20	Agriculture	14 26 65,000
21	Fisheries	77,97,000
22	Animal Husbandry	4 11 97 000
23	Co-operation	2,22 58,000
24	Industries	1 35 69,000
25	Cinchona	38 23 000
26	Handlooms and Textiles	1 35 75,000
27	Khadi	25 84,000
28	Community Development Projects Etc.	14,41 51,000
29	Labour, Including Factories	1,64,00,000
30	Social Welfare	1 91 46,000
31	Welfare of the Scheduled Tribes and Castes Etc.	6 19 91,000
32	Welfare of the Backward Classes Etc.	2,64,01,000
33	Housing	3,91 96,000
34	Urban Development	3 47 47,000
35	Civil Supplies	1,60 44,000
36	Irrigation	7 97 13,000
37	Public Works—Buildings	1 14 41,000
38	Public Works—Transport and Transport and Fleet	1,13,8 700
39	Roads and Bridges	9,82 18,000
40	Food Transport Services and Warehousing	1,6 200

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41	Relief on Account of Natural Calamities	5 000	..
42	Pensions and Other Retirement Benefits	7,25,03,000	..
43	Miscellaneous	18,01,40,000	..
44	Stationery and Printing	2,60,12,000	..
45	Forest Department	1,72,14,000	..
46	Compensation and Assignments	5,45 18,000	..
47	Compensation to Zamindars	..	9,17,000
48	Capital Outlay on Public Health, Sanitation and Water supply	..	30,38,000
49	Capital Outlay on Agriculture	..	5,14,35,000
50	Capital Outlay on Industrial Development	..	2,32,06,000
51	Capital Outlay on Irrigation	..	12,93,49,000
52	Capital Outlay on Public Works—Buildings	..	3,82,40,000
53	Capital Outlay on Roads and Bridges	..	3,38,52,000
54	Capital Outlay on Road Transport Services and Shipping	..	26,52,000
55	Capital Outlay on Forests	..	1,53,42,000
56	Miscellaneous Capital Outlay	..	3,17,18,000
57	Loans and Advances by the State Government	..	33,37,80 000

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN (Madras South) Madam Chairman I rise to lend my support to the vote on account in the hope and I am sure that it will be shared by all sections of the House that the regular Budget of the Tamil Nadu Government will be presented to the appropriate Legislature and that the hon. Finance Minister will be spared of the tedium of presenting it to this House. The Ruling Party is full of hopes and the Congress Party in Tamil Nadu is full of elation. Therefore both of us are now in a mood to go to the polls and have a proper legislature constituted to discuss appropriate measures for the State.

A lot of dust was raised by the recent elections to the Lok Sabha and a number of things which happened in the course of the year under review got somewhat dimmed from our perspective. During the year under review, Tamil Nadu went under a very severe strain and distress in the form of drought on the one side and floods on the other. In fact, the southern districts of Tamil Nadu i.e., Madurai, Ramanadapuram, Tirunelveli, and Kanyakumari were afflicted with such a severe drought that the people had to stand in queue for miles together in order to get a pot of water. I had gone round and seen the conditions there at

that time. It was a most heart rending and a pitiable sight. The people had to stand in queue even for getting drinking water. As if nature mocks at all of us on the other side we had floods in the city of Madras inundating all the low lying areas and slum areas. Again a lot of damage was done to the weaker and poorer sections of the society in the area. I am happy that the Union Government gave about 27 crores for drought relief for the areas affected by drought in the southern districts and spent about four crores of rupees for the purpose of relieving distress on account of floods.

This is not a casual phenomenon. This is a recurring thing. I take this opportunity to press on the Union Government the need to solve the problem of drought in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu in a permanent way. There are no easy methods by which this problem can be solved. I look forward to my friends and neighbours and also to the good offices of the Government of India to see that available water resources of the southern region are reasonably distributed in order to maximise the use and benefit to all the people in this area. I would also recall in this connection the famous scheme which was initiated by the former Minister of Irrigation namely that of linking Ganga with Cauvery so that floods in one part of the country may be harnessed for feeding hungry, starving and thirsty millions of people in other parts of the country.

In spite of these natural calamities Tamil Nadu has made some progress during the year under review. The first and the foremost achievement is in the field of controlling food prices. The price of boiled rice, which is a staple food of the people there and which was Rs. 2.50 per Kg. a year before was brought down to Rs. 1.40 and Rs. 1.73 during the year under review. Again on account of lifting of some of the restrictions on the movement of foodgrains it has been possible to enable free movement of grain from one part

of the State to another thereby ensuring easy and ready availability of foodgrains.

The Hon. Member from the State of Bombay was cutting a number of jokes yesterday about the 20 point programme. Life without humour is certainly dull and Parliament without wit is dreary and so to the extent to which he referred to the 20 point programme in humour we all enjoyed it. But it was meant to cloud the real progress that has been achieved. I would only make one or two references to the excellent progress made during the year under review. I am not going to deal with the whole of the problem but will just mention one or two facts only.

So far as distribution of agricultural land to landless labourers is concerned 13,380 acres were assigned to the landless poor in the State in this one year to over 7000 people.

The second figure I would like to give is that 17,000 house sites have been distributed during the year to the people who were houseless. Of these 58,000 were Scheduled Castes people and 2000 Scheduled Tribes people—because we have very few Scheduled Tribes people in our State.

Now agriculture and handloom industry provide the largest employment in Tamilnadu. In fact more than about a third of the population of Tamilnadu live by the handloom industry and its allied services. They were given assistance at the rate of Rs. 500 per loom and Government improved the production centres to provide new employment to a large number of people. Over and above that, 22,000 handloom weavers have been brought into the cooperative fold thus giving them various benefits.

Therefore I would like to mention that whatever might have been the performance of the 20 point programme in other parts of the country, the excellent performance of the 20 point pro-

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gramme in Tamil Nadu is at least one of the reasons for the magnificent elections results that it has shown for the Congress

Unfortunately though Tamil Nadu was in the forefront in regard to industrial development and power development about a decade ago it became very backward in both these items and started trailing behind other States. In 1965-66 Tamil Nadu was the third among the industrialised States in the whole of India. Next to Maharashtra and West Bengal Tamil Nadu had the largest number of factories and the largest number of workers employed the greatest volume of industrial production and also the highest value added trade. But unfortunately now after a decade particularly after the misrule of the Karunanidhi DMK Government we have sunk from the third position to third from the bottom. We were about ten years ago third from the top and now we are third from the bottom. One of the reasons for this backwardness or deterioration is that no Central project of any importance has been given to Tamil Nadu during this period. During the ten years preceding that rule we were able to get the Bharat Heavy Electricals at Tiruchirappalli, the Tank Factory at Avadi and the Small Arms Factory at Tiruchirappalli. Neiveli is one of the projects which has given us assistance both in the matter of employment and in supplying the infrastructure for power.

I want the Finance Minister to make a note that if the major project which is now on the anvil, namely the Salem Steel Project is not included in the Budget and given the highest priority it will not only cause a deep disappointment in Tamil Nadu but drag the industrial development further backward and lead to further deterioration. The Salem Project was initiated during my period as the Industries Minister in that State. It has had a chequered career. All the time we have been

promised that it is being pursued. I find that now there is a rethinking on this after the Janata Government has taken charge. I wish to caution them that any attempt to either postpone or delay or abandon this project will be fraught with very serious consequences.

Regarding power generation, it is a matter within the personal knowledge of the Finance Minister. Shri H. M. Patel that Tamil Nadu was in the forefront in power generation a decade ago. As a member of the Committee which went into the working of the State Electricity Boards Mr. Patel visited the electricity undertakings in South India. He came to Tamil Nadu and saw them for himself. From the position of the State which was able to supply the surplus power to the neighbouring States a decade ago it has now deteriorated to a position that in the last few years we have introduced 70 per cent power cut which is unheard of in any civilized society. How can any industry thrive or how can any new industry prosper or come into existence if the prospect of power is bleak? Now I am told that we have only 30 per cent cut. And as I was entering the House I was told that there is a suggestion with the new Janata Government—Mr. Ramachandran is my esteemed friend—we have worked together for 30 years. We have differed only in the last 13 months—to increase the power cut to 50 per cent. I would very earnestly and very humbly request him not to sign his first order cutting down power to Tamil Nadu. If he does it will go against not only the interests of the Party but also the interests of the people of the State. In order that the power situation may be retrieved we have been anxious that the second Mire Cut in Neiveli should be expedited. We want that the power supply should be augmented by the establishment of a giant thermal station in the southern grid should be strengthened so that we may have adequate supply for our power needs. This is a matter which should receive the highest priority and I am quite sure that the

Finance Minister himself having been the Chairman of the Electricity Board Gujarat knows the problems connected with power supply and distribution and the vital role that power plays in industrial and economic growth and will give his utmost priority to this problem

As a result of the misrule of the D.M.K. Government Tamil Nadu has been reduced to a poor State. The number of people below the poverty line at the end of their rule has grown from 46 per cent to 60 per cent. Somebody this morning was saying that Orissa is the poorest State. I am sorry to tell him that we have beaten him in the race. Tamil Nadu is poorer than Orissa. I have with me a note prepared by the Research Department of the Parliament Library and I am grateful to them. People do not recognise the good work that the others do. I am very grateful for what the Research Department of the Parliament Library has done. Tamil Nadu is the poorest State in the country with 52.23 per cent of its people living below the poverty line. Orissa comes next with 56.53 per cent according to the National Sample Survey. In fact the per capita Plan expenditure was the lowest in 1973-74. It was Rs. 25, the lowest in the whole of India. Thank God that during the President's rule they have been able to increase it to Rs. 60 per capita. I am also thankful to the Finance Minister that for the 1977-78 budget the allocation has been increased from Rs. 143 crores to Rs. 260 crores.

The final picture as I have presented before you is that this State has suffered as a result of a corrupt misrule that has prevailed there for eight years. Not only has it been condemned as corrupt by the people but the Commission appointed by the Government on which a Supreme Court Judge presided has given its findings. I know law enough not to transgress the limit and therefore I will read what is permissible under the rules. The Sarkaria Commission in its first report says

The following charges have been established by cogent convincing and reliable evidence on all documentary and circumstantial

I will not read the charges because they are pending. But this is the finding of the Supreme Court Judge that prima facie a case has been established. There is a great apprehension in the minds of the people of Tamil Nadu that in spite of the prima facie findings by a Supreme Court Judge the cases are sought to be withdrawn by the present interested persons. I have great faith in the integrity of the Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai. He is not new to us; we have worked shoulder to shoulder for several years but I only wish to caution that under no pressure should the Prime Minister withdraw the charges. Let the law take its course. After all in the Address of the President you yourself have said that there will be no interference with the judiciary. We welcome it and we do hope that this will be adhered to.

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I would like to mention another thing. It is a well known convention as lawyers know it very well that when members of the bar are elevated to the Bench they do not sit and decide cases which they have handled themselves. Sitting on the other side the Law Minister has handled the case and therefore it would be appropriate that this norm, this standard should be observed by him. I have no doubt that the Prime Minister who is in over all charge of these proceedings will see to it that the law takes its course and that the law is not interfered with and that justice is done. Whether it is in favour of the accused or the other side it does not matter, but justice should be done.

MR. SPEAKER: I have done.

SHRI V. DHANDAYUTHIPANI (Vellore): Mr. Speaker, first of all I congratulate the Prime Minister and

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his colleagues for having provided an independent democratic government

Mr Speaker one poignant appeal I want to make is regarding the memorial erected for our late lamented leader Shri Kamaraj at Guindy next to the Grdha Mandapam. As originally planned by the previous Tamil Nadu Government, there was a bold Charkha adorning the top of the memorial. When Mrs Gandhi the then Prime Minister came to open the memorial building the Charkha was demolished and thrown down. What a strange kind of reverence to Sri Kamaraj! One side they demolish the Charkha and on the other pay lip service to the glory of Sri Kamaraj. I request the Government to restore the Charkha on the top of the memorial which is only a fitting tribute to our great leader. The Charkha symbolises Gandhi's philosophy and the inspiration of the entire freedom movement.

Mr Speaker and the hon. Members I will be failing in my duty if I do not mention the activities of the Tamil Nadu Governor. At the outset I want to recall the attention of the people that yesterday the former Finance Minister Sri Subramaniam mentioned about the pattern of voting in Tamil Nadu. I would only recall his attention to what has happened in the District by-election. Mr Venkatarman has said that due to the 20 point programme they have won in Tamil Nadu. I want to say only one thing. I do not know whether he will accept it or deny it. Hon. Mr Subramaniam as soon as he became the Finance Minister in the last government having been elected from the Krishnagiri constituency said that it was the victory of the DMK. Now he can say that his victory will be that of AIADMK. I would say that it was because of their alliance with AIADMK the Congress has got some seats in the Parliament. Otherwise he would have lost even his deposit as their candidate lost in the District by-election. You cannot deny it.

Then Sir during the election time and before the Governor of Tamil Nadu was touring the districts for Congress election work I say this from my own personal experience. There is a specific instance. He has also toured my constituency and others. One day when I was sitting in a hotel, the opponent candidate was also staying in the same hotel. There was a call from the Raj Bhavan. I took the telephone. Then they said that the call was for my opponent. I was simply shocked. So the Raj Bhavan was converted into Congress Party Office. There are two Bhavans in Madras. One is the Satya Narayana Bhavan which houses the Congress (O) office. Now the Raj Bhavan is looking after the Congress. The Governor has misused his powers in this way.

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The other point I want to mention is that the agriculturists in Tamil Nadu are suffering. As far as paddy and sugarcane are concerned I know personally that sugarcane price as such is at a lower percentage as compared to other States. The recovery is equivalent to that of Maharashtra and Bihar. I request the Government to raise the sugarcane price to Tamil Nadu farmers.

Credit facility has been closed both in the private source as well as in the Government source. Therefore many small industries are closed for the past two years. The Government was talking always about the industrialisation especially regarding Steel Rolling Mill. I request the Government to give more credit facilities to the small industries like steel rolling mills and machine industry.

Ever since S/Shri Subramaniam and Mohan Kumaramangalam became the Steel Ministers the Government has always been talking about the Salem Steel Plant. But even now it has not been completed. The Ministry demanded Rs. 16 crores but the former Government allotted only Rs. 3 crores. I

request the Finance and Industry Ministers to allot more funds for the Salem Steel Plant.

Since there is no hydro-electric potential left unused in Tamil Nadu, the Neyveli Thermal Power Plan has to be expanded. Thermal Power Plants at Ennore and Tuticorin should be improved.

During the election time the former Government gave many assurances about the Kalpakkam Atomic Plant. Much expectation was aroused. It should have been completed long back. If Kalpakkam Atomic Plant is completed it will help whole of the Southern Region.

The former Government announced so many programmes about the weavers. But it was all drama. It has not helped the weavers. To help the weavers the Government must take more steps for exporting the handlooms.

A year back the former Prime Minister and the former Finance Minister promised that drinking water would be provided to the city of Madras by bringing Krishna water. That was just a melodrama on Marine Beach. Their promises have been written on the water of Krishna. The people of Madras have not tasted Krishna water but they tasted only coconut water. I request the Government to take immediate steps to bring Krishna water to the city of Madras to solve the drinking water problem.

The proposal to increase the bed capacity of T.B. Sanatorium Vellore has been pending for a long time. The beds should be increased. Early action should be taken in this regard.

Pending irrigation scheme in North Arcot. Moorthana Dam foundation has been laid near Guduvattam. An assurance was given in the Parliamentary Consultative Committee that necessary sanction will be given. Now the Government could give top priority to the scheme.

With these few words I conclude.

SHRI V. ARUNACHAI AM (Tirunelveli). On behalf of All India Anna D.M.K. I say a few words about the budget. It was thought that the Minister will seek remedy by imposing new taxes or increase old taxes. But our hon. Finance Minister has assured this House that he would overcome the deficit by better collection of overdues to the Government and by improving the performance and results of Public Sector Corporations.

If the Budget had been placed in the Assembly of Tamil Nadu there would have been chances of detailed discussions and deliberation. But here we are rushing through without adequate debate and discussion. Thereby we fail to represent the feelings of the people concerned. I therefore request the hon. Prime Minister through the chair to conduct the State Assembly election as early as possible.

Our beloved leader Parachuthala var asked the previous Government to conduct the State Assembly elections along with the Parliamentary elections. Unfortunately the previous Government refused to conduct the elections. At least this Government in order to respect their democratic sentiments may conduct the elections without further delay.

Yesterday our Home Minister assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir that they will conduct elections within three months. I think such an assurance should be given to our Tamil Nadu people also.

Sir, our Finance Minister in allotting the amounts under various heads has adopted the salient principles with care. There is remarkable increase in the allotment of State outlay. It was Rs 201 crores in the last year. Now it has increased to Rs 260.12 crores. It has increased the allotment for education from Rs 125 crores to Rs 141 crores for medical care from Rs 42 crores to Rs 47

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crores for power projects from Rs 20 crores to Rs 31 crores. Similarly the assistance from the Centre to the State Plan in the last year had been assumed at Rs 72.26 crores. Now it is assumed at Rs 91.65 crores. It will be unfair on my part if I fail to mention that the government has failed to allot adequate amount for small scale industries. The allotment for small scale industries has decreased year after year. In 1975-76 the allotment was 98 lakhs. Then it was reduced to 83 lakhs. Now it has fallen to the level of 84.5 lakhs. Similarly allotment for research and training on the industrial side has been decreased without any valid reasons. The people of Tamil Nadu expect from this government that the lapses and errors committed hitherto will be rectified by the present government.

Sir, the ex-Finance Minister imposed a tax on cash crops. It is against the interests of agriculture. All the farmers of Tamil Nadu are against it but they were not able to register their protest against it due to emergency. Then Sir, the previous government enhanced the electric charges by 4 paise per unit. It is highly unjustifiable. It is an additional burden on the expenses of our farmers. In order to measure the seriousness of the problem I will give an example. When the State Government was under the control of Mr Karunanidhi he enhanced the electric charges for pump sets by one paise. The entire State agitated against it and in that agitation 10 persons were shot dead. I hope the Finance Minister will look into this with all seriousness.

Sir, it is unfortunate that the government failed to allot adequate amount for bringing drinking water to the city of Madras. The water dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka is still pending. The previous

government failed to use its good offices to settle this dispute. It is pending for a long time. I therefore, request the Prime Minister to use his good offices to settle this dispute as early as possible.

Sir, free and fair elections are the essence of democracy. We are much grateful to the previous government for having conducted the elections in Tamil Nadu freely and fairly. In Madurai the election was peaceful but after the formation of the Janata Ministry at the Centre the law and order situation in Madras is highly disturbed by anti-social elements with instigation of DMK people. They are taking advantage of the situation and are trying to take the upper hand among the officials. In North Madras some of our workers have been attacked who have sustained injuries. No action has been taken by the police against those who are responsible for this trouble.

Sir, therefore I ask the Home Ministry to look into the matter and take action against those who are responsible for these disturbances. The House is aware that Karunanidhi Ministry was dismissed by the previous Government due to corruption malpractices and misuse of power. To examine the corruption charges a Commission was ordered under the Central Act. Sir Justice Sarkaria has submitted his interim report on seven charges. Now I understand some of the lieutenants of DMK are loitering on the lobby of the Central hall for pressurising the Government to withdraw the cases.

Sir, the actions of the previous government have been approved by the mandate of the people in the poll. You must keep this in mind because if you favour them I duly remind you that it is not only against the interests of the people it is against the will of the people.

In the Presidential Address you have mentioned about the Indepen-

dence of judiciary You are against non-interference If so, you please allow the law to take its own course

I conclude my speech with these words

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arko-nam) Sir, may I congratulate you on your alevation to the high office of Speaker? Your good humour is already having its impact on all sections of the House You have started disciplining the House without appearing to disciplining it I wish you well

May I also congratulate the new Prime Minister and the members of the new Government? I wish them well, I wish them a full tenure in office so that they will translate all their election promises into effective programmes of action

Sir, if I am given an opportunity to speak on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address I propose to say something about the election results as a whole Now, I would like to interpret the verdict of the people of Tamil Nadu The verdict of the people of Tamil Nadu was both against and for It was against the oppressive black rule of Karunanidhi's DMK Government for the past seven long years The verdict also demanded that Government should take action and prosecute Shri Karunanidhi and his colleagues on the findings of the Sarkaria Commission Then, Sir, the verdict was also for a stable Government at the Centre under Shri-mati Indira Gandhi Let us not mistake it It is true that this latter verdict has been cancelled by people elsewhere in the country We respect the verdict of the Indian people as a whole Similarly, let us hope others will also understand, appreciate and respect the verdict of the people in Tamil Nadu Otherwise, imbalances in governmental action are bound to develop causing injury to national interests as a whole

Sir, I am sorry that allegations should be made against the Governor of Tamil Nadu It was voiced on the floor of this House also It is very unfair to level such allegations against the Governor who did serve Tamil Nadu interests well The office of a Governor is a political one and it is not a very enviable one The Governor is liable to suspicion that he always sides the Party that runs the government either at the Centre or the State As I said, I hope such accusations will not be made and the Governor has made the unusual gesture of resigning his post I hope that will be appreciated that having served the people of Tamil Nadu when he found a different government at the Centre he chose to resign his high office That resignation may be accepted and a new incumbent may be put in his place but I hope allegations against the Governor will not hereafter be made As the hope was expressed earlier I expect that elections to the Tamil Nadu Assembly will be held as early as possible In fact, this assurance was given by the Prime Minister himself in his first News Conference In the meanwhile, I would plead that the MPs Committee on Tamil Nadu be constituted so that it is enabled to tackle the problems of Tamil Nadu as a whole I hope the regular budget will be prepared by the new Government and will be passed by the new Assembly Now, we are only concerned with Vote on Account Here I wish to make a few remarks

Sir, a mention was made about the Electricity Department as to how it has deteriorated over the years under the DMK rule Now, I am sorry to say that the Adusers' regime has not had enough time to completely overhaul the Department It has been saddled with too much personnel It is suffering under gross inefficiency and the cost of the inefficiency has been passed on to the poor farmers. That is the most tragic aspect of the whole case

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New revenue schemes were introduced by the Electricity Board. One was the additional deposit scheme and the other was surcharge on pump sets. This is a highly unnecessary impost which has been levied by the Electricity Department. I am told that they hope to collect Rs 75 crores from the people. I am told that the collection of these two imposts was suspended before the elections and I hope that they will be given up altogether. Similarly they hope to increase their revenue collections by about Rs 371 crores by charging an additional wet cess of Rs 20 per acre. This is also a heavy burden on the farmers and I hope the new budget will see that this is scrapped. Yesterday some people in a lighter way were making fun of the 20 point programme. My friend Mr Venkataraman recited some of the benefits that have flowed to the poorer and weaker sections of the society from the 20 point programme especially in the matter of house sites and housing for Harijans. For providing house sites about 500 acres have been acquired at a cost of Rs 28.0 lakhs and they were allotted to the weaker sections of society. Similarly a huge sum has been spent on housing for Harijans. Much more is yet to be done in this direction. When some hon Members make fun of 20 point programme it means that they want to make fun of the former Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi. This 20 point programme deals with the life problem of the poorer sections of the society. When they make fun of the 20 point programme they forget that they do not make fun of the author of the programme but the beneficiaries of the programme. I hope good sense will prevail and they will desist from making fun of the 20-point programme because it has benefited weaker sections of society.

Now in the handloom sector we find some problems. They are more or less common. The minimum

wage have electrified the landless Harijan agricultural labour. That is one reason why they voted massively for the alliance candidates, apart from the fact that they belonged to AIADMK or Congress. So minimum wages should be enforced uniformly throughout the State. There is a machinery that has been brought about for this. I hope it will be made to function effectively and before long minimum wages will be operative in all the villages of Tamil Nadu.

There are more than 30 000 families of handloom weavers in my constituency alone. They have been suffering from high prices of yarn. This hardship should be removed. Commercial banks were asked to grant loans to individual weavers. I think the limit was Rs. 500 for admission to existing societies or forming new societies. A large number of applications for loan are pending with commercial banks. I hope the Finance Minister will give instructions to the banks to grant these loans as expeditiously as possible.

Mention was made about drought relief and flood-relief works. A sum of Rs 2752 crores was given by the Centre for drought relief and Rs 41 crores for flood relief. I pay a tribute to the Governor and the other officers including the Advisers who worked day and night to relieve the distress caused by the flood. They have also carried out a very effective programme of drought relief. As many as 6000 bore wells have been sunk to provide drinking water. I hope they will be properly maintained so that the capital expenditure incurred on them will not go waste. All these Rs 31 crores and odd have been well spent. In contrast most of the amount of Rs 17 crores which the DMK Government got at the time of the previous drought went into the pockets of the ministers and members of the DMK. That is the qualitative change brought about in the situation in Tamil Nadu under President's rule.

Another instance can be given to show how the old cobwebs were cleaned and that is in the matter of admissions to the engineering and medical colleges. You ask any parent whether he was able to admit his son or daughter into a medical or engineering college without bribing somebody and he answer will be no. After the President's rule was introduced ask any parent whether he has given any money for the admission of his son or daughter to any medical or engineering college. The answer will be no. That is the difference between the DMK regime and the President's rule.

A committee was appointed to go into the question of avoiding damage by floods to the Madras city. This committee has made several useful proposals which may be examined. But they have made one proposal which is not commendable. They have made a curious suggestion that the Chambarampakkam tank which irrigates a large area in Chingleput district should be converted into a source of water supply to the Madras city. It is based on the fallacy that if an irrigation source is converted into a drinking water supply source the flood problem will be automatically solved. That is not the case. I hope they will not do anything of this type which will harm the ryots of Chingleput district.

There is a proposal to convert the general hospital at Madras into post-graduate institute. My suggestion is that this will be not in the best interest of the State. If a post-graduate medical institute is to be started in the South a new one can be started and set up slowly so that it attains the status of a real research organisation.

With these words I support the Vote on Account on Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR (Dindigul) Regarding Tamil Nadu Budget, I welcome the vote on Account pro-

posed by the new Finance Minister. But, I demand more and more money to be given to Tamil Nadu because the people of Tamil Nadu had been facing untold hardship under the terrible regime, most corrupt regime led by the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Shri Karunanidhi.

Shri Karunanidhi has raised two slogans. One slogan is autonomy of the State. He had said that on 9th May 1975 at Marina Beach that they would knock out Tamil Nadu work for a separate Tamil Nadu State from the Indian territory. He made open speeches. Shri Karunanidhi, Shri Nedunchazian, Education Minister, Shri Ambazagan, Health Minister, these three Ministers had made this statement on a public platform in Marina Beach. So far no action has been taken. Now the Janata Government is invited by the Anna DMK representing 5 crores of people to take action. We want national integration and not disintegration. We want only to be Indian. Now after the election the people dealt him an irrecoverable blow and voted in favour of Congress and Anna DMK parties. He is again raising all feeling between the north and the south.

His another slogan is sons of the soil. He has got two theories, one autonomy of the State and another theory is 'sons of the soil'. It means Tamil people must work in Tamil Nadu, Kerala people should work in Kerala, Delhi people should work in Delhi, Bengalis should go to Bengal. Where can we go? We are all Indians. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please come to the point. You told me that you wanted to mention something about transport. (Interruptions)

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR: There is a black law passed by the DMK Government. The hon. Speaker also knows law. I am also a lawyer.

MR. SPEAKER I am not a lawyer

SHRI K MAYATHEVAR There are so many lawyers here. There are so many educated people here. Mr Ramachandran also knows law. There is a law enacted by them called Public Men's Conduct Act. Under this law public can make complaint if they have any allegations of corruption against MLAs, MPs, Ministers and public men. In this law wonderful law I have never come across any legal jurisprudence whether IPC or PC or any law of the land in India or international law that the complainant should go to the court against alleged corruption against Ministers or public men and if the complainant fails to establish a case he is convicted automatically by the same court for 5 or 7 years imprisonment which I have never heard of in jurisprudence as a criminal lawyer for 15 years in the Madras High Court. It is a black law. This is a bad law. This is not at all law but this is 'Abdullah law'. Therefore in the legal sense in the sense of conscience in the sense of morality I pray that Government must withdraw and repeal this black law, inhuman law, illegal law, unlawful law, unconstitutional law. It should be repealed immediately. (Interruptions)

There is a transport strike going on in the Madras city. It has affected nearly 40 lakhs of people in Madras city. The strike has been withdrawn partially, and not totally. It is going on partially. More than 50 per cent of the workers are on strike. Lakhs of students are unable to go to their examinations. Government is spending Rs. 50,000 for transporting students and officials to their destinations. There are the maintenance of transport facilities and the role of the Governor should be looked into. The Chief Secretary of the Tamil Nadu Government should be asked to bring the strike to an end and make buses run normally.

It is said in the papers circulated to us that Rs. 1382 crores will be the figure for deficit financing. This deficit financing is the result of the relief works implemented by the then government in Tamil Nadu. Even now, relief work has to be done throughout the State of Tamil Nadu, or at least in 4 districts. Madurai district did not get any rain during this year as also in 1976-77. Ramnathapuram, Madurai, Salem and Dharmapuri are affected by drought conditions. I request the government to instruct the Tamil Nadu government not to collect land revenue in these 4 districts to postpone the collection of the agricultural loans given by government and to start drought relief work once again. I am told that no machinery from the Central Government has gone to Tamil Nadu. The State Government should be given a green signal to recommence the relief work in some more districts in addition to the 4 districts I have mentioned.

Earlier there was political corruption in Tamil Nadu. Now political corruption has been put an end to by the operation of the democratic process of elections. However official corruption is there on a large scale in Tamil Nadu especially in the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. For group I posts a sum of Rs. 45,000 was previously paid to the ministers. Now I do not know who is receiving it. The Home Ministry should look into this. For posts in group I i.e. for posts like deputy superintendents Rs. 45,000 are charged for group II posts Rs. 25,000 for group III posts Rs. 15,000 and for group IV Rs. 10,000 are charged. The sons of the poor agricultural farmers are unable to get into any job (Interruptions). This is happening even under the President's rule. What does it mean?

MR. SPEAKER Please conclude now. We are losing time. Nagaland and Pondicherry are yet to be taken up.

SHRI K MAYATHEVAR I am finishing in 2 minutes. Now about the price rise in Tamil Nadu.

MR SPEAKER Your party man has already spoken on it. You are now repeating it. I will now call the hon. Minister. Mr. Alagesan said that there was no corruption. You say that there is corruption.

SHRI K MAYATHEVAR There is another thing I would like to mention. The Janata Government has been formed at the Centre. But the Janata meal which was being supplied in Tamil Nadu at the rate of one rupee per meal has been suspended. Hoteliers are not supplying Janata meals after the lifting of the Emergency. What is the reason? Kindly take note of this and ask the Governor to ask the hoteliers to supply Janata meal to the public. People should not ask what the Janata Government is doing. Janata meal should be supplied by the Janata Government.

With these words I conclude my speech.

***SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN** (Nagapattinam) Hon. Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Communist Party of India, I rise to express my views on the Budget of Tamil Nadu.

At the very outset I would like to demand that Elections to the Legislative Assembly in Tamil Nadu should be held immediately without any further delay. Today's newspapers gave an indication that the Election might be held in June 1977. I do not know how far it is true. The Parliamentary Elections so far as Tamil Nadu is concerned have proved beyond any shadow of doubt that the Central Government's dismissal of the corrupt Karunanidhi Government in Tamil Nadu was proper and correct. On behalf of the Communist Party of India, I wish to stress that the Elections to the Assembly must be held as early as possible so that the people of Tamil Nadu can have the Government which they like.

The Sarkaria Commission has given its verdict on seven charges out of so many allegations made against the Karunanidhi Government. The Central Government should take action on these proved 7 charges against the Karunanidhi Government. The Government should also pursue vigorously their inquiry against the other allegations too. Many allegations of malpractices of the DMK Government in Tamil Nadu, particularly with reference to the Department of Cooperation and the Department of Religious Endowments, should be investigated with greater seriousness. I understand that some henchmen of Karunanidhi Government are hovering around Parliament House to get some relief from the rigours of persistent inquiry in the scandals. I would like to sound a word of caution to the Central Government that they should not show any signs of encouragement to these hangers-on. Those whose misuse of power and indulgence in corrupt practices have been proved should not be pardoned. The people of Tamil Nadu have expressed their wish through the recent parliamentary elections and I am sure that the Central Government would not take any action against the wish of the 5 crore people of Tamil Nadu.

I would like to reiterate that the people of Tamil Nadu should be given the earliest opportunity to have a Government of their own choice by the conduct of elections without delay. Before the elections are ordered, the electoral rolls should be completed. I stress this point because in the recent parliamentary elections hundreds and thousands of voters of many years standing and new entrants have not found their names in the electoral rolls. This should not be allowed to happen again in the Assembly Elections.

Sir, I would like to take this opportunity that unfortunately stay orders have been obtained in from the Supreme Court by the money lenders in regard to the implementation of certain provisions of the law for the abolition of rural indebtedness with particular

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reference to those people having an income of less than Rs 2400 per annum in whose cases their indebtedness was to be repealed. The Central Government should get vacation of these stay orders as these people are poor agriculturists and they have been afflicted seriously by the drought in Tamil Nadu. I do not know the reasons for the tardiness in the implementation of the Recovery of Loans Act. The small agriculturists should be exempted from the recovery of such loans at least during the period of acute drought. Similarly the Land Ceiling Act which has been prepared according to the Central guidelines—12.5 acres per family—should be implemented vigorously. I am unable to appreciate the delay in its implementation. Similarly the Act regarding following ownership rights on the tillers of the soil has not seen the light of the day. It should be implemented forthwith.

In Tamil Nadu during the past three years there has been recurring drought which is so acute that there is severe scarcity of drinking water both for human beings and cattle. The agricultural labour has deserted the hearth and home. Besides taking drought relief measures like de-silting of tanks, deepening of wells, laying of roads etc. the people must be given drinking water facilities. The Central Government should allot more funds for this purpose. The drought is so acute that it is feared that even the Kaveri Delta area may become an arid zone. When the natural causes have created havoc on the people of Tamil Nadu, the D.M.K. Government in Tamil Nadu multiplied their misery by unnecessarily antagonising the Karnataka Government in regard to Kaveri Water dispute. Instead of seeking meaningful compromise in the implementation of the Agreement about the sharing of waters, they confronted the Karnataka Government with extraneous issues in consequence of which the problem of sharing of Kaveri water could not be solved amicably. The Kaveri Delta has

suffered immeasurably and it is feared that only one-third of the irrigated area will get enough water. The G. Narayana of Tamil Nadu is the Tanjore District is dependent on Mettur Reservoir for cultivation. Unless the river water dispute between the two States is solved quickly, there is no hope for the revival of agricultural activities in this area. I do not know what the Commission constituted for this purpose is doing. The Report of this Commission should be expedited. The agreements in regard to the sharing of waters between the two States should be implemented without any delay. The agricultural activities in Ramanathapuram, Trichy, Coimbatore, Salem and Madurai Districts in Tamil Nadu have come to a standstill on account of drought. In addition to this, if Kaveri delta is also denied adequate waters then the entire Tamil Nadu will become an arid zone. That is why I emphasise the need for early settlement of the river water disputes between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. At least in the districts afflicted by drought, the collection of land revenue and loans from Cooperative Banks and Societies and tenants' dues should be suspended forthwith which will be a great relief to the poor agriculturists.

With these words, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to say a few words.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) I have listened to the discussion with great interest. I assure the hon. Members that the various suggestion which they were good enough to make will be carefully examined and that appropriate action will be taken. I do not think that I can give any immediate answers to the various points raised. I however entirely agree with Mr Venkataraman that a matter like drought is something which ought to be tackled on a permanent basis, rather than on an ad hoc basis. We will see that the State Government proceeds to take action in that direction.

Numerous other points were made. For instance, there was a general request that the Salem steel plant must be proceeded with. I can only say that I will give full consideration to it before I present my Budget in May.

It was said that the law and order situation in the State had deteriorated. As it is under President's rule, it ought not to have been so. If it is so, I will find out the reasons for it.

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16 48 hrs

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The motion was adopted.

16.48 hrs.

TAMIL NADU APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) BILL*, 1977

* THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (**SHRI H. M. PATEL**) Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78.

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The motion was adopted.

SHRI H. M. Patel I introduce the Bill.

Sir I beg to move

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78 be taken into consideration."

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The motion was adopted

MR. SPEAKER We shall now take up clauses The question is

"That Clauses 2, 3 the Schedule Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill"

Clauses 2, 3 the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI H. M. PATEL I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. SPEAKER The question is

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted

16.50 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS* FOR GRANTS (TAMIL NADU) 1976-77

MR. SPEAKER The question is

"That the respective Supplementary sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu, to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1977 in respect of the following demands entered in the second column thereof—

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45	Forest Department	39,21,000
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55	Capital Outlay on Forests . . .	27,67,000
56	Miscellaneous Capital Outlay	6,62 51,000
57	Loans and Advances by the State Government	52 94,11,000

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TAMIL NADU APPROPRIATION BILL, 1977

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That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu for the services of the financial year 1976-77 be taken into consideration

MR SPEAKER The question is

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu for the services of the financial year 1976-77 be taken into consideration

The motion was adopted

MR SPEAKER We now take up the clause-by clause consideration of the Bill

The question is

"That Clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 and 3 the Schedule, Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI H M PATIL I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed."

MR SPEAKER The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted

MR SPEAKER Now, we have very short time available for both the Nagaland and the Pondicherry Budgets. If you wait again all parties to speak I am helpless

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry) As far as Pondicherry Budget is concerned I rise on a point of order

MR SPEAKER You can make a submission or say something. A point of order is something which I cannot understand. There is nothing before the House now

16 54 hrs

NAGALAND BUDGET 1977-78—
GENERAL DISCUSSION AND
DEMANDS†† FOR GRANTS ON
ACCOUNT 1977-78

MR SPEAKER We now take up the Nagaland Budget

Motion moved

That the respective sums not exceeding the amount on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third Column of the Order Paper, be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland on account, for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1978, in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos 1, 3 to 9 and 12 to 54."

††Moved with the recommendation of the Vice-President acting as president.

(List of Demands for Grants on Account (Nagaland) for 1977-78 submitted to the vote of Lok Sabha)

No. of Demand	Name of Demands	Amount of Demand for Grant on account	
		Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.
1.	State Legislature	17,08,000	..
3.	Council of Ministers	3,57,000	..
4.	Administration of Justice	5,43,000	..
5.	Election	9,90,000	..
6.	Land Revenue, Stamps and Registration	6,88,000	..
7.	State Excise	3,33,000	..
8.	Sales Tax	3,96,000	..
9.	Taxes on Vehicles	2,10,000	..
12.	Civil Secretariat	49,29,000	..
13.	District Administration Special welfare scheme and Tribal Council	81,67,000	..
14.	Treasury and Accounts Administration	4,50,000	..
15.	Special expenditure on maintenance of law and order including contribution for pensions and gratuities	4,17,000	..
16.	Village Guards	20,00,000	..
17.	Civil Police and Fire Service Unit	2,97,48,000	4,17,000
18.	Jails	20,00,000	..
19.	Stationery and Printing	14,58,000	..
20.	Vigilance Commission	3,33,000	..
21.	Workshop Organisation	4,55,000	..
22.	Nagaland Houses	2,29,000	..
23.	Administrative Training Institute	1,54,000	..
24.	State Lotteries	7,48,000	..
25.	Pensions and other Retirement Benefits	7,08,000	..
26.	Education	2,91,03,000	..
27.	Art and Culture and Gazetteers Units	4,98,000	..
28.	Medical, Public Health and family Planning	1,60,15,000	..
29.	Urban Development	6,31,000	..
30.	Information, publicity and Tourism	14,88,000	..

1	2	3		
			Revenue	Capital
			Rs.	Rs.
31.	Employment Exchange		1,08,000	..
32.	Labour		63,000	.
33.	Community Development		35,42,000	..
34.	Social Welfare		21,48,000	..
35.	Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, Board		50,000	..
36.	Social Security Welfare and community Services		7,50,000	
37.	Evaluation Unit		67,000	.
38.	Co-operation		13,88,000	15,79,000
39.	Statistics		6,08,000	..
40.	Weights and Measures		1,92,000	..
41.	Supply Office at Calcutta		71,000	.
42.	Agriculture, Minor Irrigation, Fisheries, etc.		97,35,000	..
43.	Soil Conservation		33,24,000	..
44.	Grain Supply Scheme		20,71,000	1,16,40,000
45.	Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development		60,70,000	83,000
46.	Forest		1,18,29,000	..
47.	Industries		58,98,000	13,54,000
48.	Mineral Development		12,90,000	.
49.	Power Projects		1,61,12,000	79,58,000
50.	Road Transport		32,08,000	12,91,000
51.	Housing Loans and Loans to Government Servants ; . . . .		..	5,83,000
52.	Public Works, Housing, Roads and Bridges		6,60,11,000	2,60,56,000
53.	Functional Buildings and other Developmental Schemes . . . . .		..	81,59,000
54.	Water Supply Schemes		75,00,000	55,83,000

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE (Ahmednagar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would not have normally taken the valuable time of the House for speaking on the Nagaland Budget. But as all the hon. Members know, Nagaland is a far away area from the capital. It is a border area. It is a very susceptible area from a number of points of view and therefore it

requires support, appreciation and sympathy of all the sides of the House. It is not Nagaland alone but the whole of north-eastern region which has been known as the problem area in our country. I think, when we discuss these problems, they have to be taken out of the party purview and we have to

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certain consensus in regard to the development of these areas

Now, as far as the Nagaland Budget is concerned I can concede the point that the hon Finance Minister has not got adequate time to apply his mind to the details. But when he brings forward the Budget for the year as a whole, perhaps he may be in a position to take into consideration some of the suggestions which I propose to make in my brief speech. If you take Nagaland and the north-eastern region consisting of Arunachal Pradesh Mizoram etc. they are larger than Punjab and Haryana put together. Fortunately these areas also happen to be very fertile. They are one of the best fertile soils available in the north-eastern region and, particularly Nagaland.

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[KUMARI ABHA MAITI in the Chair]

Then, another important aspect of Nagaland is that, just as land erosion has taken place to a considerable extent in other parts of the country it has taken place here also but, fortunately the Nagaland soil cover still continues to be very good and if it is protected, it could be a rich source for the development of agriculture and other production. If we look into the economy of Nagaland today, 90 per cent of the people of Nagaland depend on agriculture but the productivity is the lowest in the country. It is hardly 550 kilograms per hectare and is much lower than the adjoining areas of Meghalaya and others. We have to find out the reasons for this lowest productivity of Nagaland. (Interruption)

As I submitted in the beginning, let us try to take this problem out of the Party purview. This is a susceptible area and we have to evolve a general consensus. I am not discussing this from a Party angle. Hon Members will be kind enough to

listen to me and even if you don't agree with me, you should not at least interrupt me.

Now, in the Nagaland area there was a law and order problem for quite a period. Fortunately, this law and order problem is settling down now though it has not settled down fully. We all should make endeavours to see that settled conditions come about and we are in a position to concentrate on developmental activities in Nagaland.

In Nagaland, for instance, the average annual rainfall is 60 to 100" or even more. That means that from the point of view of rainfall it is a good area but the efforts made so far have been inadequate. As the Acting President has mentioned in his speech, perhaps we now propose to pay more attention to this. I hope concentrated attention will be given first to mobilising water resources in Nagaland. From the Budget I find that the allocation made for the development of water resources is not adequate. Perhaps the Finance Minister may be in a position, when he attends to these matters later on, to make an additional allocation for the development of water resources because, only if we develop the water resources can the basic problem of shifting cultivation be tackled. Settled cultivation has not been possible in this area because the efforts made during the last 25 years more or less remained on paper as they were not related to development of water resources in the area. So the highest priority has to be given to this aspect. While there has to be an all-India approach there may be a different approach for different States also depending upon local situations. In so far as Nagaland is concerned we should be clear that the first priority will be given to agriculture and even in regard to agriculture, we should be clear that the highest priority will be given to the development of water resources.

Secondly, in the Nagaland area, there are some plains which, if irrigation facilities are made available, would be suitable for the cultivation of rice. We should therefore, concentrate on rice. The requirement of Nagaland is modest, just about a lakh tons, and it should not be difficult to make Nagaland self-sufficient.

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Now, the main problem is how to develop the resources of the area. First of all, let us take the case of forests. Nagaland has hardly 15 per cent reserved forests. According to the national forest policy resolution, the hilly areas must have 60 per cent of forest area. But even in Nagaland forests are being indiscriminately destroyed. But as I said earlier, the soil cover is still very fine—it is the best in the country—and even now it would be possible for us to preserve the ecological conditions and good environmental conditions by creating forests. Some allocation has been made in the budget for forests, but my general experience has been that there is a lot of waste involved. Even if we plant trees, there is no attention given to their survival. Trees are planted and reports are made thereon but no attention is paid to how the trees survive. I think we have to evolve a different set up in this area. Fortunately, in this area, the people have a much better community awareness as far as social problems are concerned. We should take advantage of that and see how the community awareness of Nagas can be used to protect the forest areas and to have additional plantation areas. But the provisions which have been made are not adequate to meet what I am suggesting. We are racing against time and the provisions which have been made in the Budget are low compared to the other sectors. Forests have received more amount, but taking into consideration the total requirement or the needs of the situation in Nagaland, the amount is totally inadequate.

Fortunately, some technical surveys have been made in these areas and it has been found that these areas are very suitable for development of coffee and tea plantations. Therefore, these areas can be profitably used for earning foreign exchange for the country as well as for improving the standard of living of the Naga people. The Tea Board and the Coffee Board may be asked to take up some experimental planting and if that succeeds plantation on a larger scale can be taken up. The land ownership pattern need not be disturbed. My own feeling is that, without disturbing the prevailing system of land ownership, this can be brought about.

The Nagaland areas are extremely suitable for horticulture but the main difficulty is that we shall have to set up a technical department there. We are trying to copy the all India agricultural administrative pattern there. But the social conditions here are different, the historical and cultural conditions are different. Therefore, the type of department that we have to set up there will have to be different. More attention can be given to this, when there is an opportunity to discuss the details, we will be in a position to give some suggestions. Of course, it is for you to consider the suggestions and come to certain conclusions.

Then I come to survey and settlement. Though there is a provision in the Budget for this, for four months no expenditure is contemplated to be made on this account. My whole understanding and honest assessment is that no planning of agriculture in these areas is possible without survey and settlement. Why do you want to keep in abeyance the survey and settlement for four months? In fact more amount needs to be made available for survey and settlement in this area. The survey and settlement have to be brought about in a year or two. Otherwise, the whole exercise is going to be a futile exercise. You have only made some provision

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for land records. That is not adequate in the whole of north eastern region what is required for agricultural planning is to bring about survey and settlement as early as possible so that we are in a position to have a thorough planning for agriculture in this area.

SHRI SONU SINGH PATIL (Eran dol) Why did you not do it in the last 30 years?

SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE Because there were unsettled conditions. The hon Member knows that, even in Bihar and Orissa these are the pending problems. I do not want to raise any controversial issue. I am not blaming anybody for this. When the hon Member makes his submissions he may raise this issue.

SHRI SONU SINGH PATIL This is a legacy from you.

SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE May be. You were with us for many years.

There is a provision made for education. Of course, I am not opposed to general education. But here for the education relevant to the needs of the Nagas, there is absolutely no provision. Infrastructure is also being raised from that angle. This needs to be attended to.

As far as community development projects are concerned this House is well aware that, in these areas, they amount to a waste. Our national experience has shown this. I am not suggesting that any provision for community development which relates to agriculture or other things should be cut down. It can be augmented. But the point is that it should be brought under normal programmes for agricultural development and irrigation development and not under community development because the resources then get thinly spread out apart from that there is also the wastage involved which we cannot avoid.

We have to encourage agricultural production. Similarly marketing also needs our attention. The weakest link in this area is marketing. The pattern of marketing in this area will have to be different from the all India pattern. The Naga community or, as a matter of fact the whole North Eastern community, have the traditional cooperative spirit. In Nagaland, if somebody's house is to be constructed the entire village community goes and helps him in constructing the house. There is a natural cooperative spirit in them. I think, this is the best area in the country as far as I know for the development of cooperatives and very healthy cooperative movement therefore much more help is necessary. For that, the National Cooperative Development Corporation, which is known as NCDC, will be a very powerful instrument. But I find that though last year there was some provision for helping Nagaland for development of cooperatives, this year there is no provision in so far as NCDC is concerned for helping the cooperative movement. The marketing has to be strengthened even by going out of the way and I would request the Finance Minister to look into this. A substantial grant should be made available to NCDC which is an instrument of the Government of India itself and they should be entrusted with the responsibility for development of cooperatives. As far as far flung areas are concerned the amounts should be made available to them for development of cooperative movement particularly marketing and processing of agricultural produce in these areas.

These are the few suggestions that I want to make. I would submit again that my observations may not be taken from partisan attitude. I am only trying to make suggestions for the development of these areas and perhaps hon Members may give some thought to it.

SHRIMATI RANO M. SHAIZA (Nagaland) Madam Chairman while supporting the Nagaland budget, I would

like to draw the attention of the hon Members to the undemocratic manner in which the State is being run today I shall be brief in what I have to say about the state of affairs in Nagaland. Whether one belongs to the ruling party or the Opposition all are subject to the hurts and heals of the same treatment. This is not a complaint for revenge but an appeal to the hon Members to right the wrong where injustice has been so blatantly committed by officials during the emergency.

My people in Nagaland have not known peace for the past twenty years. It is understandable when Government puts down lawlessness with a firm hand but when there is peace in Nagaland since November 1975 we do not see any reason why a party like the Congress wedded to the efficacy of non violence should become an instrument of ruthless repression of their fellow countrymen. Many public leaders of integrity and high esteem in Nagaland were harassed and put in jail at the whims of one or two top officials in collaboration with the Congress party just because they do not agree with the Congress. I want to tell you of a specific case in Tuensong district where on Thrimong an intending UDF candidate for the Assembly was arrested just a day before the poll. His only fault was that he as an educated person had drafted an application for a man who could not write. The administrator was displeased and had him arrested on the 15th. On the intervention of our Rajya Sabha member Thrimong was released on 16th on FR Bond. On 17th, however after the departure of the M.P. he was re-arrested, summarily tried and convicted on 18th March to three months imprisonment. All this are done with a view to intimidate non Congressmen to join the Party and to show to innocent Nagas that Congress alone in the country wields power. The Congress Party which stands for secularism and democracy fully indulged itself in spreading propaganda that UDF is an ally of the Janata Party. Janata Party is

Hindu religion and therefore if they come to power they would abolish Christianity and English language. Therefore you should vote for the Congress. During the election campaign they revived the slogan of communalism and sow the seed of hatred among the people belonging to different communities. During the Emergency the heavy hand of repression fell upon the UDF Party. The Chief Agent of the Congress is one retired Officer who was re-employed in Nagaland as Adviser to the Governor of Nagaland. This gentleman has been given extension 4 times and it is learnt that another extension is being recommended for after March 31. During the election this officer travelled in helicopter and Government vehicles campaigning for the Congress Party. A copy of taped recorded speech taken by our party workers at Rukhroma village on February 15 where he addressed a public meeting has already been given to the Government of Nagaland and also the SIB. Besides this offence there are serious other allegations of misusing rehabilitation Fund allocated for the underground who come overground. After promulgation of President's rule this Officer has moved into the Office Chamber of the State Chief Ministers and goes about in imported car in a grand style. This gentleman also interferes in every department from Secretary down to the Chaprasi. Will the honourable Members of this august house permit this arrogance and abuse of State Power? Our new Parliament and the Government must create a new image. I would like an Enquiry Committee headed by a Member of Parliament to go to Nagaland to enquire into the charges of corruption and also excesses committed during the emergency. This much we owe to the people of Nagaland. I would also like you to know that the State of Nagaland is the largest parliamentary constituency in the country having 60 Assembly constituencies. It is difficult for a member alone to look after such a vast area. I would like the honourable members to give a serious

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thought over this question and lend
their support at the appropriate time

Now that the situation is peaceful
early restoration of a popular Govern-
ment is a must to end the bureau-
cratic rule which has so much retarded
development programmes. I hope that
the new Government will announce
for the Assembly election before the
monsoon—before the end of May (with
in May 1977)

SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH (Inner
Manipur) Madam Chairman While
supporting the Nagaland Budget I
want to say a few words. I would like
to associate myself with the views of
my hon. friend Shri A. P. Shinde who
said that Nagaland belongs to the
North Eastern Area which is a sensi-
tive area in the country and the prob-
lems associated with this area have
to be taken not from party angles but
from the general national angle. Ma-
dam Nagaland has been unfortun-
ately in the wind of instability for the
last several months. The north east-
ern areas which comprise five small
States and two Union territories have
been working under special circum-
stances. Of all these small States Na-
galand happened to be one of the most
stable States politically in the begin-
ning. Representing as I do a neigh-
bouring State—the State of Manipur—I
have been closely watching the pro-
gress in Nagaland and taking interest
in the development works there. Un-
fortunately after a period of stability
the wind of instability has gone into
the Naga politics and Nagaland had
to accept President's rule which exists
there today. It has been rightly point-
ed out by Mrs. Shaiza that during the
President's rule the role of the bureau-
cratic elements is to be closely seen.
Madam, I had the opportunity of serv-
ing as a member of the Nagaland con-
sultative committee during the Fifth
Lok Sabha. Quite a number of ir-
regularities and excesses were pointed
out during the sittings of that com-
mittee and it was brought to the notice
of the Government of India that the

officers must be made to behave other-
wise in such sensitive areas where
people are yet to come into the main
stream of our politics and social life
whatever wrong is done—may be one
or two—this will go a long way in
improving the condition of this sensi-
tive zone.

Madam, I would like to draw the
attention of the hon. Finance Minister
to one or two things that come to our
notice immediately. Firstly those of
us in the north eastern zone have our
own apprehensions about the policy of
the new government concerning small
States because when we were struggl-
ing for our political identities and as-
sertion of individualities in the name
of Statehood and union territories etc.
the present Prime Minister Shri
Morarji Desai was not favourably in-
clined towards the formation of small
States although it was quite clear that
the north eastern areas deserve special
consideration. If you go by the nor-
mal yardstick how could States like
Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland etc.
could become States? They are much
smaller than even your normal dis-
tricts in UP population wise, size-wise
and resources wise. But then there
were special circumstances. I remem-
ber when we sent delegations from all
these States for formation of union
territories and States. Shri Morarji
who was a leader of the undivided
Congress was not in favour of small
States.

So far as details of the Nagaland
budget are concerned it was made clear
by the Finance Minister himself that
he was not able to devote much time.
Now I as a representative of the
small States, as one who feels about
the small States in the North Eastern
areas, would like the hon. Finance Mi-
nister to spell out clearly in his reply
what is the policy of the new govern-
ment towards the small States and we
cannot take it for granted unless a
clear statement is given on the floor
of this House that the small States
which are now economically back-
ward will continue to receive special

consideration. Although they are poor now, agriculturally they are very fertile, but then as it is the resources and fertility of the North Eastern Areas, the small States have not been taken advantage of. Naturally, they are not viable. We have to run the administration and other development plans from the Central resources. So on this occasion I would request the Finance Minister to spell out the policy of his Government towards the North Eastern areas and the small States. Why I have to do this is the earlier bitter experience of the attitude of some leaders who are now heading the Janata Government towards the small States. They were not at all favourable, but we have to say also with similar vehemence and sincerity that we are grateful to the Congress leadership because they have been able to show sympathetic interest and they tried to understand the problems of the North Eastern areas, small States, and they helped the small States in all possible ways and hence the small States were possible. I hope we will continue to receive similar sympathy from the new Government—I am not speaking as a member of the Congress Party now when I speak on the subject. (An hon. Member. You come this side.) That will not happen. Things are yet to be seen and we are very much acclimatised and we shall see what happens, but then as I am speaking on a subject very delicate and sensitive, I am, not speaking as I told you, Madam, as a partyman, I am speaking as a citizen of the country who feels for the backward areas, particularly the North-Eastern areas, the small States which require special attention. Politically, economically and socially, the Government of India have to sympathise and patronise the small States by ignoring the normal yardsticks. You have to apply special yardsticks as the Congress government has been doing. The Congress government, the Congress leadership enjoyed our full trust and appreciation for the attention they have given so far to the small States.

Coming to the Nagaland Budget, Mr Shinde was right when he pointed out that the land of the Nagaland is fertile, there are many prospects for development agriculturally and in other respects. One thing I would like to mention here is the development of handlooms in Nagaland. Handloom in Nagaland and the adjoining areas of Manipur survive more for sentimental values than as a business proposition because the role played by handloom in the tribal life of the hill areas is such that a tribe is symbolised by its cloth. Every tribe has its own cloth design pattern, colour etc. So when you see a tribal, he or she is known by the cloth. That means handloom and waist loom clothes are existing for sentimental values and I think this question was taken up in the Consultative Committees also. The attention of the then government was drawn to the fact that a special Handloom Directorate should be established in Nagaland as in other adjoining States so that handloom will prosper not only as sentimental value but as business proposition because Nagal cloth is very popular and it will have a world market. So, in this respect we would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Finance Minister that he should direct the officials now in charge of the Nagaland Administration to pay special attention to handloom industry.

One thing which Mr Shinde also said is about shifting cultivation in the hill areas. There we are concerned with two things. One is the preservation of forests and the other is the increasing of production in agriculture. In agriculture the fertility of the land does not help much when there is scarcity of water and we have to do all the cultivation on the steep slopes of the hills. Therefore, the Agricultural Research Council has to apply its mind for two things. One is the preservation of forests and the other is the development of agriculture and provision of sufficient irrigation and other facilities so that the people, with their usual working habit, will be able constantly to use the hill slopes, at least

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for 10 or 20 years. They can also avoid shifting from one place to another for temporary agricultural purposes. Otherwise they would destroy the forests wantonly. I do not want to take the precious time of the House any more. In conclusion, I would like to draw the attention of the Finance Minister to the fact that he should spell out the new Government's policy towards the North-Eastern region and the small States about which we have our own apprehension. This apprehension is not the apprehension of the Congress party alone but it is the apprehension of the people in the North-Eastern region and the small States.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL) Madam Chairman, I have listened to the various speeches made with great enthusiasm. I sympathise with the various points that have been made, particularly by Mr Shinde and the speaker who spoke last. When he wanted the preservation of forest, we should take special interest and see that it is balanced with the development of agriculture. I think both these are very desirable objectives and they must be pursued and the Government will see to it that attention is given to both these matters. These are highly desirable objectives. As to the provision of funds, if they are not adequate, we should certainly go into it. But I wish to tell you that all these budgets have been prepared under the regime that existed before this Government came into power. I do not wish to enter into any controversy.

SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE I would like you to make it clear whether you will make any positive departure.

SHRI H. M. PATEL I consider this is so desirable an objective that I will see that these are given the highest possible attention because it is consistent with our policy of giving primacy

to agriculture, and when you say that the majority of the population is dependent upon agriculture, it clearly becomes our duty to see that whatever can be done should be done in order that agriculture is developed and becomes prosperous. So, I think on all those points, there is really no difference of opinion and it is in line with the general policy of our party. We shall certainly see that it is given full attention. In regard to particular point that was made, that is, about certain excesses and atrocities that were committed during the Emergency in Nagaland I can only assure you that we will go into these. Where specific instances are mentioned, they will be examined and appropriate action will be taken. A reference was made to an instance. We will go into that. Then I think there is really nothing more that I am called upon to say at this stage about the general policy of this Government in regard to small States. I do not think that the question arises at all. Unless there is any contrary policy statement, what do you expect me to say? There is a certain situation that exists today. I do not think we are called upon at this stage to make any pronouncement on this subject. If you wish to rely upon rumours and gossip, there is nothing to say about it. I hope with these words the House will pass the Demands.

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper, be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland, on account, for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1978, in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos. 1, 3 to 9 and 12 to 54."

The motion was adopted.

1731 hrs.

NAGALAND APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) BILL* 1977

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78"

The motion was adopted

SHRI H. M. PATEL I introduce the Bill.

I beg to move †

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78 be taken into consideration."

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the ser

vices of a part of the financial year 1977-78, be taken into consideration"

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN We shall take up the clauses The question is

"That clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 and 3 the Schedule, clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI H. M. PATEL I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted

17.33 hrs

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS,† FOR GRANTS (NAGALAND) 1976-77

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the respective Supplementary sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland, to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1977, in respect of the following demands entered in the second column thereof--

Demands Nos. 5 to 9 12, 15 17 to 19 24 to 27 30, 33 36, 33 42 44, 47, 49 and 52 to 54."

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†Introduced/moved with the recommendation of the Vice President acting as President.

††Moved with the recommendation of the Vice President acting as President.

[List of Supplementary Demands for Grants (Nagaland) for 1976-77 voted by Lok Sabha]

No of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant	
1	2	3	
		Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.,
5	Election	6,78,000	..
6	Land Revenue, Stamps and Registration	16,39,000	..
7	State Excise	46,000	..
8	Sales Tax	1,19,000	..
9	Taxes on Vehicles	91,000	..
12	Civil Secretariat	7,50,000	..
15	Special expenditure on maintenance of law & order including contribution for pensions and gratuities,	25,00,000	..
17	Civil Police and Fire Service Unit	48,49,000	1,63,000
18	Jails	21,60,000	..
19	Stationery and Printing	2,50,000	..
24	State Lotteries	6,31,000	..
25	Pensions and other Retirement Benefits	8,95,000	..
26	Education	38,49,000	..
27	Art and Culture and Gazetteers Unit	1,44,000	..
30	Information, Publicity and Tourism	8,03,000	..
33	Tribal Development Blocks, Community Projects, etc.	2,20,000	..
36	Social Security Welfare and Community Services	35,00,000	..
38	Co-operation	1,63,000	..
42	Agriculture, Minor Irrigation, Fisheries, etc.	8,71,000	..
44	Grain Supply Scheme	18,38,000	..
47	Industries	1,000	15,60,000
49	Power Projects	55,57,000	..
52	Public Works, Housing, Roads & Bridges . . . . .	..	37,55,000
53	Functional Buildings and other Developmental Schemes . . . . .	..	1,000
54	Water Supply Schemes	2,16,47,000	..

734 hrs.

**NAGALAND (APPROPRIATION)
BILL,** 1977**

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the services of the financial year 1976-77

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the services of the financial year 1976-77"

The motion was adopted.

SHRI H. M. PATEL: I introduce the Bill.

I beg to move:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the services of the financial year 1976-77, be taken into consideration."

MR. CHAIRMAN. The question is

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Nagaland for the services of the financial year 1976-77, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We shall take up the clauses. The question is:

"That clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI H. M. PATEL: I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed."

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is

"That the Bill be passed."

The motion was adopted.

17.37 hrs.

**PONDICHERRY BUDGET, 1977-78—
GENERAL DISCUSSION AND
DEMANDS*FOR GRANTS ON
ACCOUNT, 1977-78**

MR. CHAIRMAN. Now, we take up Pondicherry Budget.

Motion moved:

"That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper, be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union Territory of Pondicherry, on account, for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1978, in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos 1 to 33

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[List of Demands for Grants on Account (Union Territory of Pondicherry) for 1977-78
submitted to Vote of the Lok Sabha]

No. of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant on Account	
		Revenue	Capital
1	2	Rs.	Rs.
1	Legislature Assembly	1,18,000	..
2	Administration	4,000	..
3	Council of Ministers	63,000	..
4	Administration of Justice	7,31,000	..
5	Police	33,000	..
6	Revenue	27,62,000	..
7	Sales Tax	3,45,000	..
8	Tax on Vehicles	92,000	..
9	Excise	11,95,000	..
10	District Administration	31,29,000	5,16,000
11	Treasury and Accounts Administration	6,79,000	..
12	Power	37,38,000	..
13	Law	3,16,000	..
14	Transport and Housing	7,69,000	..
15	Minister's Administration General Services	9,58,000	..
16	Statistical Services	84,52,000	..
17	Public Works	1,27,89,000	77,65,000
18	Education	1,76,89,000	33,000
19	Health	1,01,19,000	..
20	Information and Publicity	9,95,000	..
21	Labour and Unemployment	7,84,000	..
22	Social Welfare	3,07,000	2,400
23	Co-operation	17,78,000	13,87,000
24	Administrative Control and Financial Services	1,93,000	..
25	Department	12,58,000	1,12,000

Source: Annual Budget of the Government of Pondicherry, 1977-78, Vol. I, Part I, Chapter I, Section I, Table I.

1	2	3	Revenue Rs.	Capital Rs.
26	Animal Husbandry		10,97,000	83,000
27	Fisheries		14,15,000	55,000
28	Community Development		20,58,000	42,000
29	Industries		12,03,000	16,04,000
30	Food and Nutrition		1,76,000	
31	Electricity		1,06,64,000	80,73,000
32	Ports and Pilotage		1,98,000	96,000
33	Loans to Government Servants			12,80,000

SHRI ARVINDA BALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry) Actually I wanted to raise a point of order on this but since this Budget is coming at the fag-end of the year and there is no time left and I do not want the administration of Pondicherry to come to a standstill, I will cooperate at this occasion. But I am pointing out certain anomalies. According to me, as per the Constitution under Article 356, the President's Rule cannot be extended in any territory for more than three years. The Assembly was dissolved on 28th March, 1974 and as per the Constitution you cannot extend it for more than three years. But the President's Rule was first extended for one year, then it was extended to second and then to third year. Unfortunately, the Emergency was there and under Emergency you can extend this President's Rule for any number of years. Now it is a very good feature that the Emergency both internal and external, has been withdrawn. Since there is no Emergency, you cannot go on extending the President's Rule there. According to me, there is an anomaly and there cannot be any President's Rule after 28th March, 1977. The maximum period of three years is over but you have not declared elections there and now you have again come with the

Budget of Pondicherry in this House. The Finance Minister has said nothing in the speech about the elections there. I want to know how to get over this anomaly. I think they may take shelter under the Union Territories Act. But the Union Territories Act is also within the Constitution and it cannot override the Constitution. If somebody takes up the matter to the High Court or the Supreme Court, then there will be a hindrance. So, I request the Finance Minister or the Law Minister or the Home Minister to immediately declare elections there. Article 356 says

'Provided that if and so often as a resolution approving the continuance in force of such a Proclamation is passed by both Houses of Parliament, the Proclamation shall, unless revoked, continue in force for a further period of six months from the date on which under this clause it would otherwise have ceased to operate, but no such Proclamation shall in any case remain in force for more than three years.'

I bring to your notice that on the 28th March, '77 the three year period has come to the point of limit and I do not think you can continue this

[Shri Arvind Bala Pajanoor]

Proclamation any more You may say that under Article 251 of the Union Territories Act, you can go on increasing it for a number of years But this Act cannot be an independent Act outside the Constitution. You must consider the spirit behind this enactment There should not be any discrimination between people in one State and other in a Union Territory

Now, Madam Chairman, if government takes shelter under section 51 of this Act, it should give reasons why it is not able to proceed with an elected government. There is no Emergency external or internal according to the government This information is welcome I want to know under what Article it has been done If it has been done by the previous government, the present government has not come up with a new proclamation. I think it is not fair for the present Prime Minister and Home Minister to take shelter under certain things which had taken place prior to the 21st March. I want a clarification on this

Leaving this aside, I do not want to raise any technical point I used to oppose the technical points which Mr Sezhiyan used to raise in this House earlier I am one with you that the spirit of the matter should be taken into consideration.

I want my government to run in Pondicherry I am the solitary representative There are so many people to speak for Nagaland You have dissolved the Pondicherry Assembly for so many years now No Municipal elections have been held there I appeal to you to declare elections for Pondicherry as early as possible Elections to Parliament were there only two weeks back You can hold at least municipal elections. They have not been held for ten years now I do not understand why there is any mention about elections in this bill. I do

not want my administration in Pondicherry to suffer There are no doubt good officers there They are doing their best, with the limited funds that are available Pondicherry is a backward area It is also a very peculiar one Mizoram, Andamans and Lakshadweep have contiguous areas, whereas in Pondicherry, I have to travel a minimum of 1000 miles. Between Karaikal and Pondicherry, the distance is 100 miles Between Pondicherry and Mahe, it is 450 miles. For going to Yenam, I have to travel 750 miles. (Interruption) If I become the Prime Minister, I can use the helicopter It is a peculiar territory My single constituency is spread over 3 States. There is only one representative While allotting funds for Pondicherry, please don't equate it with any other Union territory It is a peculiar territory which was ruled by the French for 300 years. I would request the present Finance Minister to allot adequate funds. Even though I used to receive congratulations whenever I spoke earlier nothing was substantially done for Pondicherry My request have been met to the extent of 20 per cent. I have become a gramophone record. I am bound to repeat things, because you are the new Finance Minister I would like to see whether your actions go along with your words and promises If Pondicherry comes up India will be benefitted. Pondicherry is spread over the entire Dakshin Bharat, i.e. over 3 States. I am happy to see that on this occasion, the Finance Minister was concentrating very much. I do hope that he will listen to my speech also carefully These are very important matters for Pondicherry First I would appeal to you that there must be elections as early as possible, because you believe in the verdict of the people and you bow down to the wishes of the people I am sure you will declare the elections as early as possible.

Secondly, for the last three years I have been asking for a University

17.56 hrs.

**PONDICHERRY APPROPRIATION
(VOTE ON ACCOUNT) BILL', 1977**

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry for the services of a part of the financial year 1977 78

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry for the services of a part of the financial year 1977 78 "

✓ The motion was adopted

SHRI H M PATEL I introduce the Bill

Sir I beg to move †

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry for the services of a part of the financial year 1977 78, be taken into consideration "

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

'That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry for the services of a part of the financial year 1977-78, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted

MR CHAIRMAN We shal. now take up clauses The question is

"That Clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2, and 3 the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

SHRI H M, PATEL I beg to move
That the Bill be passed."

MR CHAIRMAN The question is
That the Bill be passed

The motion was adopted.

17 59 hrs.

**SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS††
FOR GRANTS (PONDICHERRY),
1976-77**

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the respective Supplementary sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper, be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry to defray the charges that will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1977, in respect of the following demands entered in the second column thereof—

Demands Nos. 4, 6 to 8, 10, 14, 16 to 20, 23, 27, 28, 31 and 32."

The motion was adopted.

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No of Demand	Name of Demand	Amount of Demand for Grant	
		Revenue	Capital
(1)	(2)	Rs.	Rs.
4	Administration of Justice	1,05,000	..
6	Revenue	8,74,000	..
7	Sales Tax	7,000	..
8	Taxes on Vehicles	11,000	..
10	District Administration		7,17,000
14	Stationery and Printing	1,49,000	..
16	Retirement Benefits	2,99,000	..
17	Public Works	32,91,000	10,06,000
18	Education	7,56,000	..
19	Medical	17,55,000	..
20	Information and Publicity	3,35,000	..
23	Co-operation		4,90,000
27	Fisheries		85,000
28	Community Development	20,000	..
31	Electricity	4,02,000	32,63,000
33	Ports and Pilotage	3,000	49,000

18 hrs.

of Pondicherry for the services of the financial year 1976-77

PONDICHERRY (APPROPRIATION) BILL, 1977

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory

MR CHAIRMAN The question is "That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry for the service of the financial year 1976-77"

The motion was adopted

It has been pending for the past seven years. It should be done early. I want a categorical answer from the Minister of Finance whether they are going to give us the University in the coming financial year.

So far as deep sea fishing is concerned the project has been sanctioned. Though it has not been mentioned here I hope serious attention is being paid to the development of deep sea fishing by the present Finance Minister so that the food problem can be solved. There should be centres one each at Pondicherry, Karaikal and Mahe.

Then I will refer to the Ariyanganam river project. Another point is a thermal project which has not been sanctioned. As a matter of fact they are going in only for a medium thermal project. The present Ministry can reconsider the question. Unless there is a thermal project, the power problem cannot be solved. You have started small scale and medium scale industries because it is a backward area. In that context the supply of power is very important and serious consideration should be given to that. So I would suggest that a thermal plant should be established there as early as possible.

Then in order to relieve the congestion and port facilities at Madras and Cuddalore small ports should be established at Karaikal and Mahe.

Coming to heavy industries since there is a heavy industry plant at Trichy there should be a subsidiary plant at Karaikal. It will solve the unemployment problem which is very acute in Pondicherry. It is a very big problem there. You will be surprised to know that people who have registered their names in the employment exchanges as early as 1969 are yet to get their first call for interview for appointment. Young boys of the

age of 19 registered their names with the exchanges in 1969 and now in 1977 they cannot get employment because they are over-aged and so disqualified. This is the pitiable position in Pondicherry so far as employment is concerned. Now that you have given so many hopes to the people I hope you will fulfil those promises at least in the matter of employment.

Lastly the Government had promised aerodromes for all State capitals. Yet when I asked for an aerodrome for Pondicherry they asked why. When you have some guidelines for the construction of aerodromes why do you not follow them? Pondicherry is a State capital. Every now and then you have to summon here your Governor and the Secretaries. Therefore there should be a small airport so that they can come here in a short time.

* So far as the Ashram is concerned the management has been superseded. I would request them to reconsider the matter and grant the Ashram the bare facilities and their reasonable requests. I have sent a petition in the matter after consulting the Administrator. I know how the Ashram has been functioning. It is a very good institution promoting international understanding. It creates a feeling of oneness amongst the people so that they can understand one another for a better and peaceful life. My name is Aravinda Bala Pajanan because my father was a devotee of the Ashram.

As far as Auroville is concerned the Tamil Nadu Government was giving some trouble. Now that problem has been solved because both Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry have come under President's Rule. Now you can not say that something has been done by the Tamil Nadu Government.

Karaikal is in the delta of Cauveri. This year I cannot take my man to

[Shri Arvind Bala Fajjanor]
harvest in my own field because the water supply was cut to Pondicherry. Of course, Pondicherry is represented in the Cauveri Board. We want to appeal to you to allot more funds so that we can have underground water for development of agriculture in that area. At present the situation there is not happy. Karaikkal is the granary of Pondicherry State. Yet, there the price of rice is going up day by day. The administration there with a young and efficient officer is trying to solve the problem. At the top level it is very beautiful and nice, but the upper and lower division clerks took active interest in the elections and tried their best to rig them, to indulge in malpractices. I know many of them personally, and I put an end to it. So, it is high time that the Government of India, because they are directly ruling Pondicherry, take interest in the matter and warn those elements.

Both Karaikkal and Pondicherry are religious centres. You have made the people there contribute to the compulsory deposit scheme. The poor government servants are in a mess. I know the Finance Minister personally, he is a reasonable man. If he thinks that it is right, he will agree to it. So, I request him to reconsider the question of including Pondicherry in B 2 and Karaikkal in C category, so that the people in my constituency may be happy. Unless you keep Government servants contented, you cannot lift the country up.

I am not raising the constitutional issue because it is the spirit of the law that has to be considered and not the letter, but there is a fear that somebody may take up the matter in the High Court and so I mentioned it.

I request that at least a Judicial Commission or Court may be established at Pondicherry if not a High Court.

I hope Government will give serious consideration to it.

I invite the hon. Ministers of the Government to visit Pondicherry. It is a beautiful place. The invitation includes you, Madam Chairman, also.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL) I appreciate the spirit in which the hon. Member decided to drop the constitutional issue which he intended to raise, but I would like to assure him that there is a good answer to it. A notification had been issued by the President on 8th February, 1977 and the order says that 'for three years' occurring in clause (a) of the first-mentioned order as subsequently amended, the words 'four years' shall be substituted. So, that has been taken care of and he need not be apprehensive that it might be taken up by somebody in any court.

The hon. Member has raised a number of points. Some of them are of such vital importance that I am sorry to find that no attention has been paid to them for such a long period.

I can only assure you that we will see to it that every single point mentioned by you will be gone into and attempt will be made to do some justice in regard to as many of them as possible.

MR CHAIRMAN The question is: 'That the respective sums not exceeding the amounts on Revenue Account and Capital Account shown in the third column of the Order Paper be granted to the President out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry, on account, for or towards defraying the charges during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1978, in respect of the heads of demands entered in the second column thereof against Demands Nos. 1 to 33.'

The motion was adopted.

SHRI H M PATEL I introduce* the Bill

Sir, I beg to move†

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry for the services of the financial year 1976-77 be taken into consideration"

MR. CHAIRMAN. The question is

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory of Pondicherry for the services of the financial year 1976-77, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted

MR. CHAIRMAN We now take up the clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill

The question is

"That Clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 and 3, the Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI H M PATEL I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed"

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted

MR. CHAIRMAN The House stands adjourned till 11 A.M. tomorrow.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday, March 31, 1977/Chaitra 10, 1899 (Saka)

*Introduced with the recommendation of the Vice President acting as President.

†Moved with the recommendation of the Vice President acting as President.

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LOK SABHA

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Thursday March 31 1977/Chaitra 10
1899 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) Since there is nobody here to take the oath, may I draw your attention to the Motion I gave on the 28th? You were kind enough to ask me to wait for two days

MR SPEAKER I will see later on

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU But today is the third day I would like to have an observation from the Chair in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER You cannot raise this question now

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU You may kindly note that today is the third day

MR SPEAKER It may be the third day or it may be the fifth day, but until I call you you should not get up

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU My Motion is there and your direction is there

MR. SPEAKER. I will call you when I am ready

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

NOTIFICATION UNDER CARDAMOM ACT

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL) On behalf of Shri Mohan Dharma I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Cardamom (Amendment) Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 2898 in Gazette of India dated the 20th November 1976 under sub section (3) of section 33 of the Cardamom Act 1965, [Placed in Library See No LT-15/77]

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS (NATIONALISATION) ACT NOTIFICATIONS UNDER EMERGENCY RISKS (GOODS) INSURANCE ACT, EMPLOYMENT RISKS (UNDER TAKINGS) INSURANCE ACT, INDUSTRIAL FINANCE CORPORATION ACT, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF INDIA ACT

SHRI H M PATEL I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 17 of the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972.—

(1) The General Insurance (Rationalisation and revision of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Supervisory, Clerical and Subordinate Staff) Second Amendment Scheme, 1976 published in Notification SO 440 in Gazette of India dated the 27th November, 1976

[Shri H M Patel]

- (1) The General Insurance (Rationalisation of Pay Scales and other Conditions of Service of Development Staff) Amendment Scheme, 1976, published in Notification No S.O 761(E) in Gazette of India dated the 1st December, 1976

[Placed in Library See No LT-16/77]

- (2) A copy of the Emergency Risks (Goods) Insurance (Fifth Amendment) Scheme, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No S.O 792(E) in Gazette of India dated the 14th December, 1976, under sub-section (6) of section 5 of the Emergency Risks (Goods) Insurance Act, 1971 [Placed in Library See No LT-17/77]

- (3) A copy of the Emergency Risks (Undertakings) Insurance (Sixth Amendment) Scheme, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No S.O 793 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 14th December, 1976 under sub-section (7) of section 3 of the Emergency Risks (Undertakings) Insurance Act, 1971 [Placed in Library See No LT-17/77]

- (4) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Industrial Finance Corporation of India for the year ended the 30th June 1976 along with the statement showing the Assets and Liabilities and Profit and Loss Account of the Corporation, under sub-section (3) of section 35 of the Industrial Finance Corporation Act, 1948 [Placed in Library, See No LT-18/77]

- (5) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Industrial Development Bank of India together with the Audited Accounts of the General Fund and the Development Assistance Fund for the year ended the 30th June,

connection with alleged transmission of information to foreign intelligence agencies (CA)

1976, under sub-section (5) of section 18 and sub-section (5) of section 23 of the Industrial Development Bank of India Act, 1964.

[Placed in Library See No LT-19/77]

11 03 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED ARRESTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED TRANSMISSION OF IMPORTANT AND CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

श्री इयाम मुन्दर दास (सीतामढ़ी)
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं अविलम्बनीय लोक महत्व के निम्नलिखित विषय को धोर गृह मंत्री का ध्यान दिखता हूँ और प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि इस बारे में एक यत्नकर्म दें

"कुछ विदेश के दूतावासों के माध्यम से उन की गुप्तचर एजेंसिया को सांख्यिक और सामरिक महत्व की महत्वपूर्ण और गुप्त जानकारी दिये जाने के बारे में की गई महत्वपूर्ण गिरफ्तारिया के समाचार।"

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Sir, the espionage activities referred to in the Calling Attention Notice are under investigation. For reasons of security, however, it would not be in public interest to disclose the facts at this stage

श्री इयाम मुन्दर दास - अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप को निश्चित रूप से स्मरण होगा कि आज से बरीब साल, डेढ़ साल पहले बीमूजा, जो प्रेस सूचना विभाग के डायरेक्टर रह चुके थे, इसी आरोप में गिरफ्तार किये गए थे और

न्यायालय ने उन्हें 12 वर्ष की रिगोरस इम-
प्रिजनमेंट की सजा दी थी। 26 मार्च के
क्रिनाशन एक्सप्रेस में दिविगेस्ट एंडर एस्पायनेज
केस" के शीर्षक से इसी केस का जिक्र किया
गया है कि आजादी के बाद य. पहला मौका
है कि इंटेलिजेंस ब्यूरो ने यह जान लेने के बाद
कि इस देश में श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी की हुकूमत
नहीं रह गई है, यह हिम्मत की कि एक दर्जन
वरिष्ठ पदाधिकारियों को गिरफ्तार कर लिया,
जिन में योजना आयोग के तीन वरिष्ठ पदा-
धिकारी शामिल हैं। उन व्यक्तियों
में पूर्वी योरूप के एक दूतावास में काम करने
वाली पूर्वी योरूप की एक महिला भी है, जो
एक भारतीय व्यापारी की पत्नी है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय जो कुछ पेपर में आया
है वही आप बोल रहे हैं।

श्री दय मसुन्दर दास मैं आपके माध्यम से
प्रति महत्वपूर्ण बात की जानकारी दे रहा हूँ जिस
की ओर प्रस का ध्यान आकृष्ट किया लेकिन
समयवश अभी तक सरकार का ध्यान उस
ओर नहीं गया। आप को स्मरण होगा कि
बिली ग्रांट जो पश्चिमी जर्मनी के चांसलर
रह चुके हैं, उनके निजी सचिव भी इसी तरह
पूर्वी जर्मनी की सरकार को कुछ सूचना देने
के धारण में पकड़े गए तो बिली ग्रांट ने चांसलर
पद से इस्तीफा दिया। भूतपूर्व विदेश
मंत्री श्री यशवत राव बनवत राव चन्हाण
जो प्रतिपक्ष के माननीय नेता हैं, वे निजी
सचिव भी इस आरोप में गिरफ्तार किए
गए। य सारे के सारे लोग सो चाई ए जो
अमेरिका की एजेंसी है और के जी बी जो सावि-
यत रूप से एजेंसी है इन दोनों महागन्तियों
की गुप्तचर एजेंसिया को प्रति महत्वपूर्ण
सामग्री और आर्थिक सूचनाएं प्राप्तेन्द्र
पानिग धारण एंड स्टील, एनर्जिस्टी, रेल-
वेमिन्स एंड पेट्रोलियम आदि व सब
में प्रस्तुत करने रहे हैं। मैं आपके माध्यम
से प्रतिपक्ष के माननीय नेता से भी अपेक्षा
करता हूँ कि वे कम से कम एक परमनव एक्स-

प्लेनेशन दें क्याकि बिली ग्रांट ने फोन पर
इस्तीफा दिया था। अगर यह आरोप सत्य
सिद्ध होता है कि उनके सचिव का
संबन्ध इस केस से है और यह उनकी जानकारी
में था तो शायद इस सदन को अधिकार है कि
वह उन्हें इस सदन की सदस्यता से वंचितक
सके।

दूसरी बात में दुष्ट के साथ बढ़ता हूँ
कि गृह मंत्री आइ लेन हैं कि लोक हिन में
इसे प्रकट करना उचित नहीं होगा। ससार
का सर्वोच्च जनतंत्र अमेरिका है। वहां या
निकसन के बाद जिमी कार्टर का शासन आया
है। जिमी कार्टर ने घोषणा की है कि कैबिनेट
की मीटिंग में भी वे प्रस का एलाऊ करेंगे।
यह अमेरिकन डेमोक्रेसी को स्पिरिट है।

MR. SPEAKER You are making
a speech

SHRI SHYAM SUNDER DAS I
am not making a speech I am only
making a submission through you to
the hon. Minister of Home Affairs
not to resume the old practice of the
Indira Gandhi Government of taking
Shelter behind public interest'

अब हिन्दुस्तान में प्रपञ्च और झूठ की राजनीति
चल नहीं सकती। इस सदन को विश्वास में
लेना होगा और मैं मांग करता हूँ कि एक
परसनल एक्सप्लेनेशन लीडर आफ दी ओप-
जोशन दें।

दूसरी मांग मरी यह है कि एक
पार्लियामेंटरी कमटी वा जिम में पक्ष और
प्रतिपक्ष दोनों के साथ रहे और यह जो
ससार में महागन्तिया हिन्दुस्तान को
बराबर कमजोर बनाए रखना चाहती हैं,
एक तरह इन् साविपत टोटी भी है और
दूसरी तरह प्रति महन् की हमारी सूचनाएं
छरीदी जा रहीं हैं अमेरिका की धार से
और साविपत रूस की धार से, इस बीच
को देखा जाए। इस सदन में कुछ ऐसे
भी सदस्य हैं जिनका सो चाई ए नजर

[श्री शमशेर दाम]

झाता है लेकिन उन को वे जी बी नंबर नहीं जाता है। आज शकर दया शर्मा जी यहा नहीं है जिन्हें आन्दोलन के पीछे सी० आई० ए० नंबर जाता था। ०००० (व्यवधान)

मेरी तीसरी माय माय के माध्यम से यह है कि सरकार रुस और अमेरिका को नरमी के साथ, पोलाइटली यह वाणि दे कि अब नई जनता सरकार इस तरह को हरकत को बदलित नहीं करेगी। हमारा रिश्ता रुस और अमेरिका से बराबरी का होगा। हम दखि हैं धन से लेकिन परित्र से नहीं।

बोधरी चरण सिंह अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय मित्र के पास जो सूचना है अगर मुझे देने की वृत्ति करेंगे तो बहुत अच्छा होगा। मैं उस का फायदा उठान की कोशिश करूंगा। बाकी जो आप ने कहा कि कॅबिनेट में पसंद करैह बुलाई जाए तो मेरा कहना आप को यह है कि पहले इस हाउस में बुलाना शुरू कीजिए।

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) This is a very big CIA case. But I would like to make it clear that, if foreign intelligence agencies are involved, they should also be firmly dealt with. In our country's internal affairs, we would not tolerate such an espionage activity from any quarter. It is an outcome of the erstwhile Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi's and her Government's attitude. I quote from a clipping of 1972

"A demand by Opposition leaders that the Government should set up a Parliamentary Committee to inquire into CIA activities in depth or publish a white paper on the subject was today rejected by the Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi."

This is the position. Thanks to the press they have revealed it, and it is good that these things are revealed,

so that people come to know and Government also could be brought to the position where they can take steps.

This was a question put by me on the 13th December, 1972

"whether American Columnist Jack Anderson had revealed in one of its articles the links between ITT and the CIA in some cloak and dagger exploits allegedly carried out in Latin America, and if so the Government's reaction thereto"

The reply is

"(d) and (e) Government are aware of the recent disclosures in the American Press of the links between CIA and the ITT and due note has been taken thereof."

ITT has a big ramification in this country. They were in collaboration with the erstwhile Government.

Here is a very big case and which is the firm involved? I would not say anything involving the security of the country. I assure you, Sir, and the people in power. The firm is LURGI India Ltd., it is one of the largest importing firms of civil engineering equipment and their office is in a building owned by Birlas in Delhi. The Managing Director is of German origin but a Swiss citizen. I would like to know from the Home Minister whether it is a fact that he was wanted in Germany for war crimes and that he is a declared fugitive. Is it also a fact that he is friendly and pally with our ex-Prime Minister's son, Sanjay Gandhi? Is it also a fact that he had some connection with Piper plane business in this country?

Some twelve or thirteen persons were arrested in connection with the case. One is Shri R. P. Varshni, Director, Metals, Planning Commission, formerly of Defence Ministry, a sensitive Ministry as far as the security of the country is concerned. There was a raid in his house and a number of microfilms of documents, apart from cash were found. It is a

very serious matter. Foreigners visited him quite frequently and he was very often out for lunch etc. in luxury hotels. Who paid for this? This has to be found out by Intelligence.

Another person arrested was Shri Mahavir Prasad, former Additional Private Secretary of the erstwhile Foreign Minister Shri Chavan. Is it also a fact that because of this action some pressure was put on him before the elections? I am not blaming or involving Shri Chavan at all but I would like to know if it is a fact that somebody in his party tried to put pressure using this as a handle.

Shri Varshnoi was teaching in ITT Kharagpur, which received huge aid from USA. Another accused is Shri K. K. Sarin, Director of Perspective Planning. What are these seizure when the raid was carried out in his house? The other arrested persons are Shri Pannikar, Senior Research Officer in the Health Unit, Shri Eknath Choudhury, Senior Officer (Metals), STC, and some officers of MMTC and Steel and Mines Ministry.

A Canadian-USA firm Metchew, had been given contract for Kudremukh along with Bechtel (of the pipeline scandal) which was revealed by the Takhru Commission. The operation is controlled by a CIA man with an assumed name, Tedler, if I am right. Let the Home Minister confirm or deny this. Besides other things, they wanted to know the details of special metals used for MIG and other important defence equipment. I would like to tell the House how they operate. The scrapping of the factory that was producing aircraft in a particular country was sold to an outsider. Those were melted and used for making coat hangers. These coat hangers were used in an aircraft. They bribed the sweeper, the coat hangers were thrown in the waste paper basket. They picked it up, analysed the metal to see whether that metal could cause vibration and whether that metal

could stand the metal fatigue that any aircraft would develop. That is the way they work.

I would also like to know if some officers of the United States Wing of the External Affairs Ministry are also involved. Let this be confirmed or denied. Is it also a fact that Shri Jagat Mehta, Secretary-General of the External Affairs Ministry, tried to stop publication of this? Did he make such a request in the name of national interest? I would also like to know the names and details of the US diplomats declared person non-grata in recent months. Some time ago under some pressure, the erstwhile Government had ordered a probe into the conduct of the foreigners working for foreign firms in India. I would like to know the outcome from the Home Minister and the External Affairs Minister. May I know who are the liaison men who work for the Government of India undertakings and big firms and who got special photo passes from the Home Ministry? I would like to know how many passes have been issued and how many withdrawn during the last three months.

I would like to come to one or two things more.

MR SPEAKER You want to exhaust all your papers. You are expected to ask only one question. Now, please conclude.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU The New York Times, in its issue dated 10th May, 1975 has clearly indicated that the multi-national corporations in India viz. the Union Carbide, Hindustan Levers, Liptons, Firestone, etc. are on the pay-roll of CIA and they do get paid in dollars and that money goes straight into their pockets. Let the Home Minister inquire and find out.

I would like to know about the Boeing deal—the commission taken by certain big persons and certain parties. What were the conditions and the consideration?

[Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu]

Burmah-Shells also have admitted that they have paid commission to Indian officials, etc

Bechtel, that notorious firm, has been given contracts in Kudremuch within the country

Sur, there are big former officials on the pay of foreign firms. These are all very dangerous things.

MR SPEAKER Now please allow the Minister to say something.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I will take only one more minute

The previous Government has entered into a contract with the American firm, International Dynamics. For what? For providing electronic surveillance of the Indo-China border..

MR SPEAKER. How does it arise?

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: The involvement of foreign espionage at every level of our life—at the official level, at the political level, at the commercial level and at every level.

MR SPEAKER It is only calling attention to a particular subject. How is it connected? Please now conclude

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I have put this specific question. I would like the hon Minister or any other Minister who is now in charge of these things to tell us whether it is a fact or not and what are the specific details and information and what specific preventive measures they are going to take.

गृह मंत्री (चौधरी चरण सिंह): अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं यह मानता हूँ कि इस वन सदन के सामने जो प्रश्न है, यह बड़ा गम्भीर और ग्रापक है, लेकिन अब तक उसके बारे में तहकीकात पूरी नहीं हो जायगी — माननीय सदस्य जो अभी बोल चुके हैं, वे भी इस बात

से सहमत हूँ—कि यह जनहित में नहीं है कि वे बातें खोल दी जाएँ। इसका इनवेस्टीगेशन वहीं पही हो सकेगा। जैसे ही इनवेस्टीगेशन कम्प्लेट होगा, मैं सदन के सामने सारे कागज़ात और रिजल्ट्स रख दूँगा।

दूसरी बात — माननीय सदस्य ने धीरे भी बहुत सा शिवायता का जिक्र किया है, मैं आप के जरिए उन से दरखास्त करना चाहता हूँ कि वे सारी सूचनाएँ मेरे पास भेज दें और मुझे यकीन है कि गवर्नमेंट उन पर जो भी कार्यवाही करेगी उससे बाद उनकी कोई शिवायत नहीं रहेगी।

श्री कवर साहू गुप्त (दिल्ली सदर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय हम दुनिया के सभी देशों से अच्छे सम्बन्ध चाहते हैं, लेकिन हम यह भी चाहते हैं कि हमारे देश की स्वतन्त्रता में और अन्दरूनी मामलों में कोई देश हस्तक्षेप न करे। इस लिए यह जो एक्स्प्लेज का नेस है, यह भारत के इतिहास में सब से बड़े बेसेज में से एक है। इसके अन्दर करीब एक दर्जन आफीशियल और मिनिस्टर के पी० ए० और कुछ मल्टीनेशनल कम्पनीज भी इन्वाल्ड है। भारस्वयं यह है कि भारत पी० ए० वॉर्षम जो डायरेक्टर (मैटल) प्लानिंग कमीशन में है, वे सी० आई० ए० और के० जी० पी० दोनों के एजेन्ट है, यह एक प्रजीव मिथ्य है कि वे दोनों से पैसा ले रहे थे और दोनों को इन्कॉर्पोरेशन पास कर रहे थे। आप इस बात को भी जानते हैं कि ये बड़ी बड़ी ताकतें जैसे यू० एस० ए० एक साल में 6 बिलियन डॉलर्स एक्स्प्लेज पर खर्च करता है। इस तरह से फ० जी० बी० भी करोड़ों रुपए खर्च करता है। हमारे देश की गिक्सोर्टी के बारे में एक किताब निकली है — सी० आई० ए० - दि कलर आफ इन्टेलिजेन्स—यस

विताव मे लिखा है कि नार्य इण्डिया मे सी० आई० ए० एक्टिविटीज और के० जी० वी० एक्टिविटीज बहुत ज्यादा है। इस लिए मैं दो सवाल पूछना चाहता हूँ—

1 क्या यह सही है कि दा अमरीकन को भारत से सरकार ने हिन्दुस्तान से बाहर निकाल दिया ? इसके बारे मे अमरीकन एम्बेसी ने कोई कमेंट नहीं किया है, यह बात अखबार मे निकली है ?

2 क्या इसमे कुछ मल्टी-नेशनल कम्पनीज, जिनमे "लुगी इण्डिया" तो शामिल है ही इसके अलावा भी कुछ अन्य कम्पनीज इन्वाल्ड है ?

3. मैं विदेश मंत्री महोदय से यह सवाल पूछना चाहता हूँ — क्या वे इस चीज पर विचार करेंगे कि इस सवाल को इन्टरनेशनल लेवल पर उठाया जाए और दूसरे देश से सम्पर्क किया जाए कि इस तरह की एक्टिविटीज एक देश दूसरे देश मे न करे। इस तरह का कोई कोड दुनिया ने सामने बनना चाहिए।

4 आखरी सवाल — हमारे देश मे इस तरह की एक्टिविटीज बन्द हो — इस के लिए सरकार क्या विशेष कदम उठा रही है ?

क्याकि अभी तक गवर्नमेंट की जो इंटेलिजेंस थी, यह अपोजीशन के ऊपर लगी हुई थी। अब देश की सुरक्षा के लिए इंटेलिजेंस लगाई जाए, इस प्रकार की व्यवस्था क्या सरकार कर रही है ?

श्रीमती चरण सिंह : , अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो मैं पहले ध्यान कर चुका हूँ उसी को दोहराते हुए एक बात और एड करना चाहता हूँ और वह यह है कि जब

माननीय मित्र मुझसे बात कर लेंगे और उस पर जो गवर्नमेंट कार्यवाही करेगी, तो मैं यकीन दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि उन्हें कोई शिकायत नहीं रहेगी और उनको यह मानना पड़ेगा कि गवर्नमेंट जितनी कार्यवाही कर सकती थी, उतनी उसने की।

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) Sir, I want to raise the point about release of detenus. I want to draw the attention of the House to this important matter I have given notice

MR SPEAKER We pass on to the next item of the Agenda

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I have no information whether you have disallowed it This is a very important matter, regarding release of political prisoners

MR SPEAKER You cannot get up and say such things whenever you like

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA (Serampore) In the other House it has been mentioned and the Minister replied

MR. SPEAKER I am on my legs. You cannot just get up and shout like this.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I wrote to you, Sir

MR. SPEAKER Everyday I get hundreds of letters or notices. It does not mean that you can get up every time and say these things. If other Members also who send such notices get up and start speaking about it, there will be no end to it. No I am sorry This is not at all proper Please don't do it. The House is for all the 543 Members, not for one Member alone Please don't do it.

[Prof Madhu Dandavate]

As a result of the accident, 6 persons are reported to have been killed 17 sustained grievous injuries and another 33 received minor injuries so far. On receipt of information about the accident Assistant Medical Officer Katpadi proceeded to the site immediately. Medical Relief Trains from Madras and Jolarpettai and road ambulances were rushed to the site. General Manager and Chief Medical Officer Southern Railway accompanied by other Heads of Departments, Divisional Superintendent, Madras and other Divisional Officers rushed to the site by road to supervise relief and rescue operations. All the injured persons were taken to Vellore by road ambulances and admitted in Mission Hospital and the Government Hospital. Ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of the dead and to the injured has been arranged.

Additional Member Mechanical, Railway Board has proceeded to the site of accident by air.

The Additional Commissioner of Railway Safety is likely to commence his statutory inquiry into this accident on 1-4-1977.

11 30 hrs

MATTER UNDER RULE 377

REPORTS THAT JUNE, 1975 PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY WAS ISSUED WITHOUT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ADVICE.

SHRI SHYAMANANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai) Mr Speaker Sir under Rule 377 I rise to draw the attention of the House to a matter of great constitutional and political importance.

The internal Emergency which was imposed on the country in June 1975 ended a few days back after the Election. During this Emergency the country went through the darkest night of repression after indepen-

dence. Earlier, it was reported in the papers that the Presidential Proclamation on Emergency came without the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers and if at all there was any reference to it in the Cabinet, it was ex-post facto. This matter was also agitated in the courts. The present Defence Minister after his resignation from the Cabinet of Mrs. Gandhi confirmed this substantially in his Press statement when he said that the Cabinet was merely informed of it after the decision to impose emergency was taken. I quote from 'The Deccan Herald' dated the 4th February 1977

Cabinet wasn't consulted on Emergency Ram"

Mr Jagjivan Ram, who resigned from the Union Cabinet and the Congress Party yesterday, told newsmen today that Cabinet was not consulted about the declaration of Emergency in June 1975, or the dissolution of the Lok Sabha and the holding of elections this year but was merely informed of the decisions by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

If this was so it was a clear violation of Article 74(1) of the Constitution which says

"There shall be a Council of Ministers with the Prime Minister at the head to aid and advise the President, who shall in the exercise of his functions, act in accordance with such advice."

As the present Government is committed through its Election Manifesto to taking such steps as would prevent the repetition of such a tragedy in future it is necessary and appropriate that the Government place full facts in this regard before the House in its very first sitting.

Finally it should also take steps to ensure that Article 74(1) is fully observed whether it is in respect of imposition of emergency or dissolution of the House or any other matter in which according to this Article, the aid and advice of the Cabinet is the very basis of presidential action."

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Sir, the factual position in respect of the promulgation of emergency on 25th June 1975 is that the Proclamation was signed by the President on that date, that is, 25th, while the Cabinet approved the Proclamation on 26th June 1975 (*Inter-rptions*)

MR SPEAKER I understand this cry is not aimed at me!

The approval of the Cabinet, therefore, was *ex-post-facto*. As the Vice President acting as the President of India has stated in his Address to both the Houses on 28th March 1977, the Government are already seized of the matter and are examining the question of providing adequate safeguards to prevent the possibility of declaration of emergency in similar circumstances in future. This is a matter which requires careful consideration and the Government would be taking appropriate measures in due course.

चौधरी बलबीर सिंह (होशियारपुर) :
मगर साबिका प्रधान मंत्री ने कोई गलत
कदम उठाये हैं, तो उनके खिलाफ कानूनी
बाधेबाही क्यों नहीं होती चाहिये ?

कुछ माननीय सदस्य होगी, होंगे ।

11.35 hrs.

FINANCE BILL, 1977

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL) Sir, I beg to move*

"That the Bill to continue for the financial year 1977-78 the existing rates of income-tax with certain modifications and to provide for the continuance of the provisions relating to auxiliary duties of customs and excise and the discontinuance of the duty on salt for the said year, be taken into consideration."

The Statement of Objects and Reasons appended to the Bill briefly explain the specific provisions contained therein. This short Bill seeks to continue the existing tax structure for the financial year 1977-78. Accordingly, the rates of income-tax specified in the Finance Act, 1976, for the purpose of deduction of tax at source from salaries during the financial year 1976-77, for computation of advance tax payable during that financial year and for certain special purposes are proposed to be continued for making assessments for the assessment year 1977-78. The same rates are also proposed to be continued for deduction of tax at source from salaries during the financial year 1977-78, for computation of "advance tax" payable in that financial year, as also for the said special purposes.

The provisions enabling companies to make deposits with the Industrial Development Bank of India in lieu of payment of surcharge on income-tax are also proposed to be continued.

Under the provisions of the Finance Act, 1976, the net agricultural income of individuals, Hindu undivided families, unregistered firms etc. is taken into account for determining the rates of income-tax applicable to their non-agricultural income. These provisions are proposed to be continued for the financial year 1977-78. A consequential modification is, however, proposed to be made in the provisions relating to the set off of the unabsorbed loss in agriculture. The amendment seeks to secure that besides the unabsorbed loss for certain years, the loss for the previous ac-

*Moved with the recommendation of the Vice-President acting as President.

(Shri H. M. Patel)

counting year relevant to the assessment year 1976-77 is also set off against the agricultural income for the accounting year relevant to the assessment year 1977-78. The proposed amendment further seeks to provide that the unabsorbed loss in agriculture for the accounting year relevant to the assessment year 1977-78 may also be set off in determining the net agricultural income for purposes of payment of advance tax etc. during the financial year 1977-78.

Clauses 3, 4 and 5 of the Bill deal with indirect taxes while clauses 3 and 4 seek to levy up to the 31st day of March 1978 the existing rates of auxiliary duties of customs on all imported goods and auxiliary duties of excise on all excisable goods. Clause 5 provides that salt shall be duty free for another year.

Clause 5 provides that salt shall be duty free for another year. Hon. Members will notice that so far as indirect taxes are concerned, the Finance Bill does not contain any new tax proposals and all taxes continue in the same form as in the year 1976-77. I trust that this short and simple Bill will receive the unanimous approval of his House.

MR. SPEAKER. Motion moved.

"That the Bill to continue for the financial year 1977-78 the existing rates of income-tax with certain modifications and to provide for the continuance of the provisions relating to auxiliary duties of customs and excise and the discontinuance of the duty on salt for the said year, be taken into consideration."

I find that nobody wants to speak from this side.

SHRI BASHIR AHMED (Fatehpur). Sir, I have moved an amendment, shall I read it out?

MR. SPEAKER. But it is for clause 2. Anyway you may say what you want to say. You need not read out that amendment.

SHRI BASHIR AHMED. During the period of emergency several persons were detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act and the Defence of India Rules. Several excesses were committed. Some businessmen were also arrested. I do not want to talk about persons who had been arrested for economic offences. I am talking about persons who had been arrested for political reasons. They were arrested for no rhyme or reason, the only reason was to settle the former Prime Minister in power. It is in the fitness of things that efforts should now be made to grant some income-tax relief to those persons who had been released only recently. They have not been able to carry on their business, their operations were brought to a standstill. There are a large number of professors, teachers, lawyers, doctors etc. and their houses were searched and all this was for political reasons. You are also aware that a large number of raids were carried on under the garb of income tax raids, their properties were raided and searched. Big business houses were spared, only the poor persons were affected. Those income-tax raids were carried on by income-tax authorities without any rhyme or reason to terrorise and demoralise the public. Certain persons were put behind the bars. I have moved an amendment that those persons who suffered due to such politically motivated actions should be granted income-tax relief because they had been converted into virtual refugees and they are in great distress. So the hon. Finance Minister should accept the amendment proposed by me, which should include a provision like this, namely, excluding those who had been arrested under the Economic Offences Act. The rest of the amendment should remain the same.

MR. SPEAKER. I find there are no other speakers. The question is

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rates of income-tax with certain modifications and to provide for the continuance of the provisions relating to auxiliary duties of customs and excise and the discontinuance of the duty on salt for the said year, be taken into consideration

The motion was adopted.

Clause 2—(Income-tax)

MR. SPEAKER Now we shall take up clause 2. Father Anthony

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA (Serampore). There should be a general discussion, I want to speak

MR. SPEAKER. I have called him.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA This is the general practice I do not know how you had been advised like this, because you were not here for a long time. There should be a time limit for general discussion

MR. SPEAKER I knew the procedure. Nobody stood up to speak. We have taken clause 2. You can speak on clause 2 also

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD (Fatehpur) I beg to move

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after line 12, insert—

"Provided that no income-tax shall be charged on the income of detenus held under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act and D.I.R. and from the heirs of the deceased victims detained during the period of emergency." (1)

MR. SPEAKER. You can speak on Clause 2, if you want.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA: Certain urgent issues are there. You are not allowing us to speak.

MR. SPEAKER: Now I am allowing him. He is speaking on Clause 2 of this Bill. You can also speak on this. Anyway your name also must come from the party.

फादर अन्थोनी मुझ (राजमहल) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं उस आदिवासी क्षेत्र से आता हूँ, जहाँ पहाड़ी इलाकों और जंगलों में हिन्दुस्तान की खदानों और हेवी इंडस्ट्रीज हैं। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि देश का जो पैसा है, उस का वितरण सही रूप से नहीं होता है। ज्यादा पैसा शहरों में जाता है और गांवों की उपेक्षा की जाती है। बिन क्षेत्रों में खदानों और हेवी इंडस्ट्रीज हैं, वहाँ के निवासी भूख से मर रहे हैं और उन के पास कपड़ा और मकान नहीं हैं। यदि आप के मन में शेयरहोल्डर का कन्सेप्ट है, तो जिस इलाके से आप शेयरों को लाते हैं, वहाँ का या आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में वहाँ के निवासियों और हिरजनों को भी शेयरहोल्डर समझना चाहिए और कुछ सामान उन के लिए भी रखना चाहिए। लकड़ी आदि सामान की वैगना की वगैरह बाहर जाती है, लेकिन उन क्षेत्रों के रहने वालों को कुछ नहीं मिलता है। यह कहा जा सकता है ?

यह भी समझ लेना चाहिए कि आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में हिन्दुस्तान के लिए बहुत कुछ किया है। पंजाब से लेकर आसम तक और काश्मीर से लेकर गुजरात तक हम लोगों ने देश के लिए बहुत काम किया है। हमने हिन्दुस्तान को डेविल बनाना है और जंगलों को साफ कर के खेतों को खेती के लायक बनाया है। लेकिन उस के बदले में हम क्या प्राप्त कर रहे हैं ? तीन परस की प्राप्ति में हमें का कुछ नहीं मिला है। जो बुनियादी शहरों में मिलती है, वे गांवों में भी मिलनी चाहिए। ट्राइबल एरिया एक गेनरल एरिया है। अब हम धुपचाप नहीं बंद कर रहे हैं। जो गलती पहले हुई है, यह धुप नहीं होनी चाहिए।

[फ़ार मन्मोनी मुहम]

हम सोचो पर यह दोष लगाया जाता है कि हम अपना भ्रम एरिया बनाना चाहते हैं— हम झारखंड या नागालैंड मांगते हैं। लेकिन हिन्दुस्तान के टुकड़े किस ने किये? आप हिन्दुस्तान का नक्शा लाइये और बताइये कि पाकिस्तान और बंगलादेश किस तरह बना? हम आदिवासी तो एक प्रखंड भारत को जानते हैं।

MR SPEAKER Please speak something which is relevant to the Bill

फ़ार मन्मोनी मुहम : रेलिमेंट बात यह है कि हम को खाने को नहीं मिलता है। आप हम पर दोष लगाते हैं कि हम हिन्दुस्तान के टुकड़े करना चाहते हैं। लेकिन आप ने हिन्दुस्तान के टुकड़े टुकड़े कर दिये हैं। मैं आप से यह प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि आप जितना धन हमारे क्षेत्र से लेते हैं उसी के अनुपात में, उसी सीमा से हम का भी कुछ खाने को दीजिए, रहने को सुविधा दीजिए, यह मैं कहता हूँ, नहीं तो झमेला हो जायेगा।

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA

(Scramore) Sir, I would like to take this opportunity to make some observations which to my mind are very important and urgent. Some impression was sought to be created here by the opposition, that is, the Congress Party, specially by Mr Subramaniam, that the picture of the Indian economy was very rosy. I find from today's newspapers that the West Bengal Finance Minister also has tried to paint a rosy picture of the economy of West Bengal. But the fact is that there is a mess everywhere—in industry, in agriculture and in everything. Already ten jute mills are closed for a long time. So many assurances were given on the floor of the House by the previous government that they would be reopened, but still they are closed and more mills are facing crisis. They may also be closed at any time. I gather this information from the

newspapers today. So, the new Finance Minister must make a positive statement as to what will happen to the sick mills which have been deliberately made sick by the big industrialists. The then Central Government were responsible for all this sickness.

I heard big talk here about rural unemployment and rural industries but nothing had been done by Mrs Gandhi's Government. The condition of handloom weavers is beyond imagination. They are starving. A whole of family of 8 members work hard for the whole day, but still they cannot earn two square meals a day. All the cottage industries are also facing the same crisis. Some positive action must be taken immediately. I know the present government did not get much time and this Bill does not reflect the policy of the Janata Government. This budget was prepared by the Congress Government when the people have thrown out into the dust bin. The Janata Government must come forward with positive statements and actions to solve these issues. Apart from the creation of additional employment potential, I want to know the condition of the existing sick mills and the lakhs of workers who have been thrown on the street. This must be looked into seriously.

In the budget papers I saw some item about increase in the expenditure on police and jails. Why? Congress Government depended only on police and jails and they had no face to go before the public and announce their policies? This is why in every election meeting the then discredited Prime Minister herself had no guts to explain to the public what was her policy regarding the development of our country. I heard that in her first election meeting lakhs of people were gathered to hear her but afterwards, nobody came to listen to her speech and she had to come frustrated from wherever she went.

My humble submission to the Finance Minister is that he must take care to see that the increase in the prices of essential commodities must be checked. You will wonder to know that in eastern India we have to purchase mustard oil at Rs 14/- to 15/- a kilo. You could not dream of it in any time. So, this increase in the prices of essential commodities must be checked. I know that you do not have any magic as Mrs Gandhi had. Very often she used to point out that she would eradicate poverty. What she had done was that she had eradicated the poor people. Even from Delhi lakhs and lakhs of jhuggi jhopriwalas had been driven out of Delhi.

AN HON MEMBER Now, you will bring them back.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA In spite of your obstacles those people will be brought back. The Government must try for that. But is it not a fact, I ask you gentlemen, sitting on the Congress side that you have driven out washermen,

हजामन वालों को और मजदूरों को भगा दिया।

One more point and I will end my speech, positive steps must be taken to bring down the prices of essential commodities. There should not be any increase in the expenditure of police or jails. They are saying that Janata Party have pleaded for the release of smugglers. You, Congressmen, should be ashamed of the fact that you fought the election with their money. Is it a fact or not?—I ask you Congressmen. You fought the election with their black money. Smugglers are always with you. And even now, they are making a conspiracy to topple the Janata Government along with you. You must know the feeling of the Janata Masses have voted the present government to power. There is a slogan common among the people, which

I hear when I go from place to place in West Bengal. They say Indira khatam ho gayi hai, Indira fund ko wapas karo. Not only do they want the CDS to be stopped, but they want the money to be returned to them. That is the cry of the masses. The Finance Minister should consider it. No pious wish and promise will do. People want to hear you say that you will not only stop taking CDS money—you were withholding 50 per cent from the ordinary workers—but you must also return the money that has been accumulated and lying with the government. That is the cry all over the land. In our place they say 'Indira ko khatam kardiya, ab hamara Indira fund wapas karo'.

12 00 hrs.

I am grateful to the Railway Minister who has made a bold statement. To day Mr Fernandes also has made a statement that all the dismissed employees will be taken back, and also all the suspended employees will be taken back. The same thing should be done with regard to the other who are not directly in government service, but are serving in the private sector. That point must be looked into. I know that it is not within the purview of the Finance Minister. Government as a whole must take a policy decision to the effect that those who were dismissed in a vindictive manner should be taken back.

Another point. My friends know that some textile mills were taken over by government and then nationalised. They are run by the so called National Textile Corporation. It is nothing but the looting people. They used it as a political asylum for goondas who worked for them in the election. I can cite hundreds of examples before this House to indicate how the factories run by the NTC are being used to employ the goondas who worked for them for purposes of election propaganda. An enquiry is necessary in this mat-

(Shri Dinen Bhattacharyya)

ter The ex Commerce Minister said on this very floor that the 14 mills run by the NTC in West Bengal are incurring a loss of between Rs 50 lakhs and Rs 60 lakhs every month. The present Finance Minister should look into this matter and set up an inquiry so that all this corruption may be brought to light

Now the last point. It has been published in all the newspapers of West Bengal that during the last elections riggings and corrupt practices were organized by no less a person than the Chief Minister, Mr Ray. Why should not an enquiry be set up against such a person who has no moral right to continue in office? This point is being raised by my people. That is why I am raising this issue. With these words, I conclude.

श्री बटेश्वर हेमरम (दुमका) अध्यक्ष महीदय, मैं आप ५ सामन दो तीन बातें कहने के लिए खड़ा हूँ ।

आज देश में एकता आई है और मानवता के लिए यह एकता बहुत अच्छी होती है । जहां पर मैं हम आए हैं वहां हम प्रति दिन देखते हैं कि वहां के जनवासियों की हालत के बारे में आज तक नहीं सोचा गया है और इसलिए देश के राजनीतिक सम्बन्ध के बारे में वहां के लोगों को भी मालूम नहीं रहता है । वह अब इतना देखते हैं कि यौन हमारी बातें सहानुभूतिपूर्वक और प्रमत्तक सुनता है और उस के साथ वे बराबर रहते हैं । आप को मालूम है सभाल परगणा में, जहां पर अंग्रेजों के जमाने में एक शान्ति हुई थी, वहां के लोगों के बराबर रहने पर भी अंग्रेज लोग उन की बात नहीं सुनते थे और जब लोगो ने देखा कि हमारी बातें सुनने के लिए कोई तैयार नहीं है, तो उन्होंने एक आन्दोलन किया । पहले उस जिले का नाम पर्वतीय प्रज या और वह इस नाम से

प्रसिद्ध था तब । जब एक ही कर लोगों ने वहां आन्दोलन किया और आन्दोलन के बाद उस जिले में 1855-56 में अंग्रेजों को खदब दिया था, तो उस ने फलस्वरूप अंग्रेजों ने सोचा कि इस तरह से तो लोग इस देश से उन्हें भगा देंगे और हमारा काम नहीं चलेगा और उन्होंने उन लोगों के लिए एक योजना बनाई । उन्होंने वहां के लोगों को बुलाया और बुलान के बाद वहां कुछ समिति बना दी गयी जो वहां के लोगों की मांगों को देखती थी और यह देखती थी कि कैसे गांवों में मामला न हो सके जा सकता है । उस के अनुसार अंग्रेजों ने उस जिले का नाम 1856 में सभाल परगणा रखा, लेकिन आज सभाल परगणा में लोग इतनी बुरी हालत में हैं कि प्रति दिन उन को 30, 40 मील दूरी पर शहरो में काम करना पड़ता है । वहां पर जमीन है, पर्वत है और जंगल हैं लेकिन वहां के लोगों को आप यदि जा कर देखेंगे तो आपको कि 4 महीने में अधिक उन्हें काम नहीं मिलता है । सभी जो इन्वैन्स हुए थे, उस में आदिवासियों में क्षेत्र में 30 प्रतिशत से अधिक बोट नहीं पड़े क्योंकि लोग गांव में नहीं रहते हैं और वे काम की खोज में दूसरे प्रान्तों में चले गए हैं । कोई बगल चला गया है, कोई आसम चला गया है और कोई कोयलाखानों पर काम के लिए चला गया है और बाकी, जो लोग हैं वे सारे घामपास शहरो में काम की खोज में चले जाते हैं ।

SHRI SHAMBHU NATH CHATURVEDI (Agra) Sir, on a point of order I think there is some confusion about the list of names. Because, the names of Members have been given for speaking on the President's Address. But that discussion has not yet started. Now the Finance Bill is under consideration, this confusion should be removed.

MR. SPEAKER, They are speaking on the amendment that has been moved.

श्री बटेश्वर हेमरम : मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि उस इलाके में लोग इतने विवश हैं कि काम की खोज के लिए उन्हें दूर दूर जाना पड़ता है और वे लोग स्वतन्त्रतापूर्वक कोई भी काम नहीं कर पाते। इसलिए उस इलाके में यदि बारखाने खोले जाएं तो मजदूरी से उनका जीवन सफल हो सकता है।

दूसरे उन लोगों के पास जमीन बहुत अधिक है किन्तु उस जमीन में सिंचाई का कोई साधन नहीं है और न जमीन ही उपयुक्त है। अधिकतर जमीन बजर पड़ी हुई है। सरकार की ओर से जमीन की खुदाई के लिए पैसे खर्च किए जाते हैं लेकिन वह पैसा इतना अपूर्ण होता है कि उससे केवल मेड़ बना दी जाती हैं और जमीन असमतल पड़ी रहती है। जमीन पर केवल मेड़ बना देने से खेती नहीं हो सकती है। जब तक जमीन को उपजाऊ नहीं बनाया जाता तब तक उसमें उपज कैसे हो सकती है? जो मेड़ बनाई जाती है वह भी एक-दो वर्ष में समाप्त हो जाती है और फिर असमतल जमीन ज्यों की त्यों पड़ी रहती है। इसलिए सरकार की ओर से उन आदिवासियों के लिए ऐसी योजना बनाई जाए कि जो पैसा जमीन के लिए खर्च किया जाता है वह आदिवासियों को मिल जाए और वे अपने से जमीन को खेती के लायक बनावे। अभी यह होता है कि उन स्थानों पर ठेकेदारों को इस काम के लिए जमीन दे दी जाती है और जो पैसा इस काम के लिए खर्च किया जाता है उसका आधा पैसा ठेकेदार खा जाते हैं और कुछ पैसे से ठेकेदार खेत की मेड़ बना कर छोड़ देते हैं। सरकार की ओर से यदि योजना बना कर जमीन के लिए पैसा उन लोगों को दे दिया जाए तो उत्तम ही पैसे से उनका खेत भी बन जाएगा और मेड़ भी बन जाएगी।

जमीन की सिंचाई वहां बुझो ने द्वारा हो हो सकती है। क्योंकि वहां इस तरह की जमीन नहीं है कि कोई डैम बना कर या बांध बना कर उस जमीन के लिए सिंचाई का प्रबंध किया जाए। वहां की जमीन ऊबड़ खाबड़ है, उंची नीची जमीन है। उस जमीन पर नीचे से उपर पानी नहीं जा सकता है। डैम को तो नीचे ही बनाया जा सकता है। अगर वहां बड़े बड़े बुए बना कर सिंचाई का प्रबंध किया जाए तो इससे भी वहां के लोगों को काम दिया जा सकता है।

वहां के लोगों को काम करने के लिए दूर दूर की जगहों पर जाना पड़ता है। इस तरह दूर दूर के स्थानों पर जाते हुए वही वही मजदूरी को गस्ते में भ्रूख के कारण अपना जीवन भी समाप्त करना पड़ता है और गर्भवती स्त्रियों का रास्ते में गर्भपात भी हो जाता है। इस सब का कारण है कि वहां यातायात का बहुत अभाव है। रेलवे लाइन एक भी नहीं है। रामपुर से दुमका होते हुए बंधनाथ्याम तक और बीसी से हसडिया होते हुए जसीडीह तक रेल लाइन बिछाने का प्रबंध किया गया था लेकिन वह काम अभी तक पूरा नहीं हुआ है। इसका क्या हुआ यह नहीं कहा जा सकता। इसलिए अध्यक्ष महोदय से मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि वहां के आदिवासियों के विकास के लिए एक ऐसी योजना बनाई जाए जिससे उनकी रोजी-रोटी की व्यवस्था हो सके। वहां कारखाने खोले जाएं, रेलवे की लाइन बिछाई जाए, सबने बना कर वहां के लोगों के लिए यातायात के साधन जुटाए जाएं। इसी तरह से उन लोगों को कुछ रहित मिल सकती है।

MR. SPEAKER I shall put the amendment to the House.

SHRI BASHIR AHMED I do not press it.

MR SPEAKER Has he the leave of the House to withdraw his amendment?

HON MEMBERS Yes

Amendment No 1 was, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. SPEAKER The question is

'That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill'

The motion was adopted.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill

MR SPEAKER There are no amendments to other clauses I shall put them to the vote of the House The question is

'That Clauses 3 to 5, Clauses 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill'

The motion was adopted

Clauses 3 to 5, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI H M PATEL I beg to move

'That the Bill be passed'

MR. SPEAKER The question is

That the Bill be passed'

The motion was adopted.

12 15 hrs

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE ADDRESS BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT

MR. SPEAKER We shall begin discussion on the President's Address.

श्री कर्पूरी ठाकुर (समस्तपुर) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ —

“कि राष्ट्रपति के रूप में कार्य करते हुए उपराष्ट्रपति की सेवा में निम्नलिखित शब्दों में एक समावेदन प्रस्तुत किया जाए. —

“कि इस सत्र में समवेत लोक सभा के सदस्य राष्ट्रपति के रूप में कार्य करते हुए उपराष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण के लिए जो उन्होंने 28 मार्च, 1977 को एक साथ समवेत सदन की दोनों सभाओं के समक्ष देने की कृपा की है, उनके अत्यन्त आभारी हैं।”

राष्ट्रपति जी ने अपने अभिभाषण में जो चुनाव अभी समाप्त हुए हैं और उनके जो परिणाम आए हैं उनके आधार पर देश और दुनिया को यह बताया है कि लोकतन्त्र की जड़ें भारत में गहरी जमी हुई हैं और जनता लोकतन्त्र में विश्वास करती है। उन्होंने यह भी बताया है कि चाहे जो कुछ हो भारत की जनता लोकतांत्रिक तरीके पर न केवल विश्वास करती है बल्कि उनके माध्यम से देश में सत्ता परिवर्तन करना भी जानती है और देश को निर्माण के पथ पर अग्रसर करना भी जानती है। जो चुनाव परिणाम आए हैं, चुनाव आयोग से मोटे मोटे तौर पर मैंने कुछ आकड़े प्राप्त किये हैं और उनको मैं सदन के समक्ष रखना चाहता हूँ। इनके अनुसार कांग्रेस में कांग्रेस को 57.36 प्रतिशत तथा जनता पार्टी को 32.33 प्रतिशत मत मिले हैं। असम में कांग्रेस को 50.56 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 35.78 प्रतिशत मत मिले। बिहार में कांग्रेस को 22.90 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 65.01 प्रतिशत मत मिले। हरियाणा में कांग्रेस को 17.95

प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी का 70 35 प्रतिशत मत मिले हैं। हिमाचल प्रदेश में कांग्रेस को 38 30 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 58 37 प्रतिशत मत मिले हैं। कर्नाटक में कांग्रेस को 56 74 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 49 84 प्रतिशत मत मिले हैं। मध्य प्रदेश में कांग्रेस को 32 50 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 57 95 प्रतिशत मत मिले। महाराष्ट्र में कांग्रेस को 46 93 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 32 39 प्रतिशत मत प्राप्त हुए। गुजरात में कांग्रेस को 46 92 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 49 54 प्रतिशत मत प्राप्त हुए। केरल में कई पार्टियाँ थी इसलिए मैं इसको छाड़ देता हूँ। उड़ीसा में कांग्रेस को 38 18 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी का 51 77 प्रतिशत मत मिले। राजस्थान में कांग्रेस को 30 56 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी को 65 21 प्रतिशत मत प्राप्त हुए। तमिलनाडु में भी भिन्न पार्टियाँ हैं इसलिये उसको भी छाड़ देता हूँ। उत्तर प्रदेश में कांग्रेस को 25 04 प्रतिशत मत मिले और जनता पार्टी को 68 03 प्रतिशत मत मिले। पश्चिम बंगाल में जनता पार्टी और मित्र दल को 65 प्रतिशत मत मिले और कांग्रेस पार्टी और उसके मित्र दलों को 35 प्रतिशत मत प्राप्त हुए। अन्य जो छोटे छोटे राज्य हैं उन को छोड़ देता हूँ। कुल मिलाकर कांग्रेस को 34 54 प्रतिशत और जनता पार्टी तथा उसके मित्र दल को 65 दशमलव कुछ प्रतिशत मत प्राप्त हुए। इन आँकड़ों से यह प्रमाणित होता है कि प्रथम बार भारत में वोट के आधार पर बहुमत का शासन कायम हुआ है। इसके पहले जब चुनाव परिणाम हैं 1952 से लेकर 1971 तक, वे बतलाते हैं कि कांग्रेस को वोट हमेशा कम प्रतिशत मिले लेकिन सीटें मिली ज्यादा। यानी अधिमत के आधार पर, जितने वोट कांग्रेस को प्राप्त हुए उसका विश्लेषण बतलाता है कि अल्पमत के आधार पर कांग्रेस ने अनेक देश पर शासन किया। लेकिन इस बार चुनाव परिणाम के आँकड़े यह बतलाते हैं कि बहुमत का शासन

सच्चे अर्थों में हिन्दुस्तान में कायम हुआ है। हिन्दुस्तान की जनता ने यह सिद्ध कर दिया है चुनाव द्वारा कि आजादी अमर है, आजादी की भावना अमर है, आजादी की आग अमर है। कांग्रेस को कौन पूछे, जहाँ इन्दिरा गांधी को लौटा लूँ दुनिया की कोई भी बड़ी स बड़ी ताकत आजादी की भावना को नहीं दबा सकती, आजादी की आग क नहीं बुझा सकती। पूरे 19 महीना में यही अनवरत प्रवास किया गया कि आजादी का सत्यानाश किया जाय।

कहा गया देश आजाद है देश पहले में भजबूत बना है, ताकतवर बना है। दुनिया में जो परिणाम हमारे सामने है वह शायद हमारी भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री के सामने नहीं थे। राजा प्रविपक्ष के नेता बैठे हुए हैं, श्री गान्धारी जी, उनके सामने नहीं थे। दुनिया के उदाहरण यह बतलाते हैं कि देश आजाद हो सकता है, फिर भी वहाँ की जनता गुलाम हो सकती है। हिटलर के जमाने में कौन नहीं जानता है कि जर्मनी आजाद और ताकतवर था और उसके तानाशाही में जर्मनी इकट्ठा हुआ और हिटलर की जर्मनी ने यूरोप ही नहीं सारी दुनिया को चुनौती दी। जर्मनी आजाद जरूर था मगर जर्मनी की जनता गुलाम थी। मुसोलिनी के जमाने में इटली आजाद था, मगर वहाँ की जनता गुलाम थी। फ्राँस का जब एक स्पेन का तानाशाही रहा स्पेन आजाद था, मगर स्पेन की जनता गुलाम थी इसी तरह से पुर्तगाल में सातवाँजार के समय में पुर्तगाल आजाद था, लेकिन वहाँ की जनता गुलाम थी। जब पाकिस्तान में अयूब खान और याहिया खान तानाशाह थे उस समय पाकिस्तान बशक आजाद था लेकिन वहाँ की जनता गुलाम थी। आज नेपाल में राजाशाही है, तानाशाही है, नेपाल आजाद है, लेकिन वहाँ की जनता गुलाम है। उसी तरह से सिङ्घ 19, 20 महीना भारत आजाद था, आजाद रहा और आज भी है, लेकिन 20 महीना में भारत की जनता

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मुलामी को बेझिरो से जकड़ी हुई थी, इससे इन्कार नहीं किया जा सकता। इस चुनाव ने साबित किया कि देश ही नहीं बल्कि जनता भी आजाद रहेगी। इस चुनाव ने गिड़ कर दिया कि व्यक्ति से बड़ा देश है। चुनाव ने साबित कर दिया कि इन्दिरा से कानून और सबिधान बड़ा है।

इस चुनाव ने यह साबित कर दिया है कि एमजेंसी के बारे में जो घोषणाएं होती थी कि एमजेंसी अनुशासन, कठिन परिश्रम, अधिक उत्पादन, एकता और अखंडता के लिये है, लोकतन्त्र की रक्षा के लिये है, यह सब गन्त साबित हुआ। साबित यह हुआ है कि वे लोग जो एमजेंसी देश में चला रहे थे वह लूट, झूठ और छूट के लिये थी और पूँजीपतियों तथा इजारेदारों ने भयंकर फूट के लिए थी। जितना बड़ा झूठ इस एमजेंसी में फैलाया गया, शायद अगर आज हिटलर जिन्दा होता तो वह भी ईर्ष्या करता भारत के झूठ पर जो कि एमजेंसी काल में रात-दिन, सुबह शाम फैलाया गया।

कहा गया कि लोकनायक जयप्रकाश नारायण फासिस्ट हैं, प्रतिश्रियावादी हैं। मैं अपनी तरफ से नहीं कहना चाहता, एक किताब "बी नेहरू" लिखी हुई है जिसे स्वर्गीय श्रीमती कृष्णा हट्टीसिंह ने लिखा है। उन्होंने उसमें लिखा है कि हमारे भाई साहब बड़े समाजवादी हैं, बड़े दैनभक्त हैं और बड़े भारी प्रगतिशील हैं लेकिन साथ ही उस किताब में यह भी लिखा है कि मेरा भी विचार है और हिन्दुस्तान के धाम लोगों का भी विचार है कि मेरे भाई नेहरू जी से ज्यादा अधिक समाजवादी, अधिक प्रगतिशील जयप्रकाश नारायण हैं। भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री जी की बुद्धि जी ने जो कुछ लिखा था, प्रधान मंत्री ने उसको झुठलाने को कोशिश की। यही नहीं, बड़े पैमाने पर लूट हुई, करोड़ों की लूट हुई, हर शहर और बाजार में लोग लूटे, भय दिखलाकर, पोलिश करके लोगों को लूटा गया। मीठा

घोर वाण्ट का भय दिखलाकर लोगों को लूटा गया। हर जगह हा-हाकार मचा हुआ था। इस तरह को लूट हमारे देश में चल रही थी और जेलों में लाखों लोग बन्द किए गये। बाहर साठियां जिस तरह से बरमाते रहे उसी तरह सैकड़ों की संख्या में जेलों के भन्दर भी साठियां, गोवियां चलती रहीं। यह भी पता लगता है कि लूट की एमजेंसी थी, सोशलिज्म की एमजेंसी नहीं थी।

मैं ममसता हूं कि 30 वर्षों के स्वराज्य के काल में इतनी बड़ी-बड़ी छूटें, इतनी बड़ी बड़ी रियायतें हिन्दुस्तान के पूँजीपतियों को नहीं दी गई थीं जितनी कि इस एमजेंसी के काल में इन लोगों को दी गई। कहा जा जाता है कि हिन्दुस्तान में समाजवाद चल रहा था और समाजवाद चल रहा है। इस चुनाव ने यह गिड़ कर दिया है कि—

बड़ा यंत्र कबीर का, उपजा पुत कमाल। इस एमजेंसी ने यह भी साबित कर दिया है कि ईमानदारी को गढ़ाये, तानाशाही को लोकनाही, और आतंक को अनुशासन कहा गया। इसी प्रकार इंडिया को इन्दिरा और इन्दिरा को इन्दिया कहने का जमाना हमेशा के लिये भय लद गया।

हमारे राष्ट्रपति जी ने अपने अभिभाषण में बताया है कि यह एमजेंसी व्यक्ति की सत्ता की वृद्धि के लिये थी, इसमें गैर-निर्वाधानिक अधिकार का केन्द्र बन रहा था। हम राष्ट्रपति जी को धन्यवाद देते हैं कि उन्होंने सच्चाई और सत्य का उद्घाटन अपने अभिभाषण में किया है। दुनिया और देश की जनता के सामने तथ्यों को सही सही ढंग से रखा है।

जहाँ मोठा कानून के बारे में भी उल्लेख है, तो उसे भी रद्द किया जायेगा। मोठा कानून वाला कानून है, यह निरपराध और निपलक लोगों को जेलों में डूबने का कानून है। यह उसी तरह का कानून है जैसा रोलेट कानून था। श्रीमती विजय लक्ष्मी पंडित ने अपने भाषण में पटना में कहा था कि जिस तरह रोलेट एक्ट में न वकील की, न दलील की और

न अपील की गुजाइश थी उसी तरह का मौसा वानून भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री ने कानून के रूप में बनाया। इस कानून के अन्तर्गत जो अधेर हुआ है, उस के हजार नहीं, पचासो हजार उदाहरण दिये जा सकते हैं। लेकिन मैं केवल एक उदाहरण दगा।

बिहार में एक साधू महाराज मौसा में पकड़ कर जेल में लाये गये। विद्यार्थियों नौजवानों, सर्वोदय के कार्यकर्ताओं और विरोधी दलों के नेताओं और कार्यकर्ताओं ने उन से पूछा कि हम लोगों पर तो श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी की विशेष कृपा है, इस लिए हम जेल में हैं, लेकिन आप ने क्या कसूर किया, जो आप जेल में पहुँच गए। साधू महाराज ने जवाब दिया कि मैं नहीं जानता हूँ कि मेरा क्या हुसूर है, मेरा नियम है कि मैं रोज गड़क भस्मान करने जाता हूँ, वहाँ जात और लौटते हुए मैं भगवान का नाम जपता हूँ, आज सुबह भी मैं जय नारायण, जय नारायण" कहाँ हुआ जा रहा था, बगल में एक दरोगाजी खड़े थे; उन्होंने यह कह कर मुझे गिरफ्तार कर लिया कि यह व्यक्ति जयप्रकाश नारायण की जय बोल रहा था।

दुनिया के इतिहास में इतना बड़ा अधेर और अन्याय कहाँ हुआ होगा, जो हिन्दुस्तान में हुआ है? इसलिये राष्ट्रपति जी ने ठीक ही अपने अभिभाषण में कहा कि मौसा कानून को समाप्त कर दिया जायेगा।

प्रिवेशन आफ पंडित नेतः अरु प्राव-ज्येष्ठतन्वत् भंडर एवम् की धारणा को पढ़ने के बाद लगता है कि इन विंग दुनिया में पहुँच गये थे। हम सोचने के कि प्राजापरी की लड़ाई लड़ते हुए और स्वराज्य के बाद भी विंग हिन्दुस्तान का सपना हम देखते थे, क्या यह यही हिन्दुस्तान है, या कोई दूसरा हिन्दुस्तान है। ऐसा अधेर करने वाला कानून और अधिवार्दियों को प्रमीय अधिवारो से लैस करने वाला कानून! किसी भी लेख, बचान, भाषण या पुस्तकानुमित्रा के आधार

पर जिस को चाहे गिरफ्तार कर के जेल में बन्द कर दिया! राष्ट्रपति जी ने कहा है कि इस कानून को भी रद्द किया जायेगा।

श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी ने फिरोज गांधी एकट को भी समाप्त कर दिया था। अधेर है। ऐसा निर्दोष और ऐसा निष्पाप कानून। दुनिया के हर लोकतांत्रिक देश में पार्लियामेंट में सदस्य और मंत्री जो भाषण करने हैं उन के प्रकाशन और प्रसारण की पूरी स्वतंत्रता होती है। इस धास्य का कानून यहाँ भी बना था। मगर कांग्रेस सरकार ने उस को भी रद्द कर दिया था। जैसा कि राष्ट्रपति जी ने कहा है, यह कानून भी फिर वापस लाया जायेगा।

राष्ट्रपति जी ने कहा है कि और भी कई कानून बनाये जायेंगे और कई काम किये जायेंगे। इस के लिए हम लोग राष्ट्रपति जी के शुक्रगुजार हैं।

अभी तक प्रतिपक्ष के नेता को सुनने का अवसर हम प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। आशा है कि आगे चल कर उन के विचार जानने का अवसर हमें मिलेगा। उस दिन भाषण देते हुए भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री, श्री सुप्रसन्न ने एमर्जेन्सी के बारे में एक शब्द भी नहीं कहा। मगर वह यह कहते कि एमर्जेन्सी का आत्मा हमारी प्रधान मंत्री श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी ने किया, तो मैं यह बात मान लेता। लेकिन प्रार यह है कि वह किया। उबने और को राउरेती का चुनाव-परिणाम देश और दुनिया का मानस हुआ और उबने और को रेडिया ने कहा कि चुनाव में श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी की पराजय हुई और एमर्जेन्सी की भी पराजय हुई, एमर्जेन्सी खत्म हुई। उन्होंने एमर्जेन्सी का आत्मा तब किया जब एमर्जेन्सी ने उन का और वापस राउ का भी आत्मा कर दिया। तब उन्होंने एमर्जेन्सी का या ना किया। इन का कोई धेय उन को नहीं दिया जा सकता है। मगर जब हमारे भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री बोल रहे थे तो उन बातों का

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जिक्र कर रहे थे। वे कह रहे थे कि बड़ी प्रगति हुई है, अन्न का उत्पादन बढ़ा है, औद्योगिक उत्पादन बढ़ा है, हमारे बॉलेंस ऑफ पेमेंट की पोजीशन पहले से सुदृढ़ हुई है, हमारा फारेन एक्सचेंज रिजर्व पहले से काफी बढ़ गया है, हमारा एक्सपोर्ट भी पहले से काफी बढ़ गया है, 21 प्रतिशत बढ़ गया है। ये सब उपलब्धियाँ हैं उन की जिनकी गणना वे करा रहे थे।

मैं सब से पहले अन्न के उत्पादन के बारे में आप से दो शब्द कहना चाहता हूँ। मेरे पास यह पाचवी योजना की पुस्तिका है जो अन्तिम रूप से प्रकाशित हुई है और साथ साथ मेरे पास पाचवी योजना का मसविदा भी है जो आज से कई वर्ष पहले प्रकाशित हुआ था। मैं इन दोनों पुस्तिका को उद्धृत नहीं करूँगा, भरा समय चला जायगा। मैं संक्षेप में ही बोलूँगा। इन दोनों किताबों में कहा गया है अलग अलग कि 1973-74 में जो लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था इस पंचम योजना का अन्न उत्पादन 71 वहाँ था 12 करोड़ 90 लाख टन। यह इस में लिखा हुआ है, प्रतिपक्ष के नेता देख सकते हैं कि 12 करोड़ 90 लाख टन का निर्धारित लक्ष्य है इस ड्राफ्ट के मुताबिक 73-74 में, आज 76-77 में नहीं, 73-74 में और 75-76 में उत्पादन हुआ 11 करोड़ 80 लाख टन। जब तक यह फाइनल प्लान नहीं बना या तब तक यही ड्राफ्ट प्लान इन का आधार था। ता 1975-76 में उत्पादन हुआ 11 करोड़ 80 लाख टन। लक्ष्य था निर्धारित 73-74 में 12 करोड़ 90 लाख टन, यानी लगभग 13 करोड़ टन मगर 75-76 में पैदा हुआ 11 करोड़ 80 लाख टन और तब से लागू सुझावों से नाच रहे हैं कि हम ने 11 करोड़ 80 लाख टन अनाज पैदा कर दिया। और इस में लिखा हुआ है कि 78-79 में यानी आ दसवीं बरस वित्तीय वर्ष शुरू होगा इस के बाद जो वित्तीय वर्ष आया उस के अंदर मगर के उत्पादन का लक्ष्य इस ड्राफ्ट के मुताबिक 14 करोड़ टन है। मगर जब फाइनल प्लान

इन का बना तो 14 करोड़ टन से घटा कर साढ़े 12 करोड़ टन इसका लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया है। मैं धर और उधर दोनों तरफ के माननीय सदस्यों को यह बतलाना चाहता हूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान की जनता के साथ कितना बड़ा धोखा किया जा रहा है, इस को समझने की हम लोग कोशिश करें। हमारे प्रति पक्ष के जो नेता हैं वे उस समय मंत्री थे, प्रधान मंत्री श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी नहीं थी, प्रधान मंत्री थे पंडित जवाहर लाल नेहरू, 60, 61, 62 और 63 का जनता था। उस समय प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा योजना आयोग से और श्री पीताम्बर पत से कि आप लोग आकड़े तैयार कर हिन्दुस्तान की जाच पड़ताल करके कि हिन्दुस्तान की जनता क कम से कम जरूरत खाने की कितनी है। उन से कहा कि जाच पड़ताल कर के आकड़े तैयार करो कि हिन्दुस्तान में कितना अनाज चाहिए 75-76 में हिन्दुस्तान की जनता को खाने के लिए। श्री पीताम्बर पत ने और योजना आयोग ने, विशेषज्ञों ने, तमाम हिन्दुस्तान की जाच कर के, पता लगा कर ने यह लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया कि 75-76 में हिन्दुस्तान की जनता को खाने के लिए 14 करोड़ 60 लाख टन अनाज चाहिए। यह 75-76 के लिए आकड़ा है 14 करोड़ 60 लाख टन का। मगर उत्पादन हुआ 75-76 में 11 करोड़ 80 लाख टन। मैं यह भी बतला दूँ कि जो बाद के विशेषज्ञ हुए उन लोगों ने कहा कि यह 14 करोड़ 60 लाख टन का जो आकड़ा है यह दस से तीस प्रतिशत कम है। यानी जो 14 करोड़ 60 लाख टन चाहिए हिन्दुस्तान की जनता को खाने के लिए वह कम है दस से तीस प्रतिशत और इस में दस से तीस प्रतिशत की बृद्धि होनी चाहिए। हम कितना अनाज पैदा करना चाहिए या हम उस से बहुत पीछे रहे 75-76 में और 78-79 में जब पाचवी पंच वर्षीय योजना पूरी हो जायेगी तब भी उस लक्ष्य से बहुत पीछे रहेंगे बसो कि इस में साढ़े बारह करोड़ टन का ही लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है। मैं प्रति पक्ष के नेता और प्रति पक्ष के माननीय

सदस्यों से जानना चाहता हू कि क्या हिन्दुस्तान की जनता के साथ धोखा नहीं किया जा रहा है ? या हिन्दुस्तान की जनता आज भी अनाज के मामले में पीछे नहीं जा रही है ? जनता के खाने के लिए जितना अनाज होना चाहिए क्या उसमें ह्रास नहीं हो रहा है । तो जहाँ तक अनाज का सवाल है, स्थिति इस प्रकार की है ।

जहाँ तक कपड़े का सवाल है, उसकी स्थिति भी कुछ इसी प्रकार है । मैं आकड़ों में जानना नहीं चाहूंगा । आज दुनिया को मालूम है कि हमारे देश में कपड़े का उत्पादन लगातार घट रहा है । कपड़े की 40-45 मिलें बन्द थी । दुनिया के इतिहास में कभी ऐसा नहीं हुआ कि करोड़ों हिन्दुस्तानी जो गरीब हैं उनको अपनी लाज ढकने के लिए कपड़ा नसीब न हो और कपड़े का उत्पादन उत्तरोत्तर घटता चला जाये । इसका मतलब यह है कि प्रति हिन्दुस्तानी के पीछे जितना कपड़ा पहले उपलब्ध था उतना कपड़ा न कल उपलब्ध था और न आज उपलब्ध है । अब नयी जनता सरकार आ गई है तो इस स्थिति में सुधार होगा । अगर कांग्रेस सरकार ही रहती तो इस स्थिति में सुधार नहीं हो सकता था ।

उस तरफ से कहा जाता है कि देश में आर्थिक प्रगति हो रही है । इस मोके पर मुझे एक अंग्रेज कवि की बात याद आ रही है । उसकी अंग्रेजी कविता तो मुझे याद नहीं है लेकिन उसका जो अर्थ था वह मुझे याद है । एक अंग्रेज कवि ने एक महासमुद्र के सामने देखा कि उसमें लहरें और तरंगें उठ रही हैं तो उसने कहा ऐ समुद्र तूरे बड़ा स्थूल पर जो लहरें और तरंगें उठ रही हैं और जो यह गर्जन हो रहा है वह सब बेकार है क्योंकि तू गे पेट में बड़ी मछलियाँ छोटी मछलियों को निगल रही हैं । जब तक तुम्हारे पेट में यह अन्याय

चलता रहेगा तब तक तुम्हारा गर्जन और यह लहरें तरंगें सभी बेकार हैं । उसी प्रकार से भूतपूर्व सरकार और आज प्रतिपक्ष के नेताओं तथा सदस्यों का गर्जन तर्जन सभी बेकार है जब तक उनको यह अहसास नहीं होता कि हिन्दुस्तान की जनता जितनी पहले गरीब थी उससे आज ज्यादा गरीब हुई है और उत्तरोत्तर गरीब हो रही है । पहले हिन्दुस्तान में जितने बेकार थे उनकी संख्या में निरन्तर बढ़ोत्तरी हुई है । हिन्दुस्तान के विद्वानों, अर्थ-विद्वानों ने कहा है कि पहले यदि गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे जिन्दा रहने वालों की तादाद 40 फीसदी थी तो आज वह संख्या बढ़ते बढ़ते 66 फीसदी तक पहुँच गई है । बिहार में मुख्य मंत्री तथा वित्त मंत्री ने बतलाया कि बिहार में गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे जीने वालों की तादाद 73 प्रतिशत है । बंगाल में भी ऐसे लोगों की संख्या 73-74 प्रतिशत है । जब इस प्रकार से गरीबी की संख्या बढ़ती जाये तब भी कहा जाता है कि आर्थिक प्रगति हो रही है । इस देश में बेकारों की संख्या बढ़ती जाये तब भी उधर से कहा जाता है कि देश में आर्थिक प्रगति हो रही है ।

बेकारी के बारे में आप स्वयं सरकार के आकड़े देखें तो आप को पता चलेगा कि भारत के एम्प्लायमेंट एक्स्पेंडिचर में 1 जुलाई, 1975 को जिन लोगों के नाम रजिस्टर्ड थे उन की संख्या 87 लाख थी जोकि एक साल बाद यानी 1 जुलाई, 1976 को बढ़कर 97 लाख हो गई । यदि आज के आँकड़ों को देखा जाये तो उनकी संख्या एक करोड़ पाँच लाख होगी । मैं प्रतिपक्ष के नेताओं और माननीय सदस्यों से कहना चाहता हूँ कि सन 1971 की जो मेंमस रिपोर्ट है उस में कहा गया है कि 61-71 के दस सालों में लेबर फॉर्स 4 करोड़ 20 लाख बढ़ गई । इनमें 1 करोड़ 5 लाख लोगों को पान मिला और बाकी करोड़ों लोग बेकार रह गये ।

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धरम धार 71 से 77 की जनगणना हा तो नतीजे धोर भी भयकर निरर्णें । मैं माननीय वित्त मंत्री जी से विवेदन करूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान में जो बेकारा की सख्या है उम की सही सही जाच होनी चाहिये । मेरा ख्यान है इस देश के 60 करोड लोगो में पाव का एक परिवार मान तो 12 करोड परिवार हुए जिनमें हर परिवार में एक व्यक्ति बेकार है । इस प्रकार से धार देश में 12 करोड लोग बेकार है ।

धार एक भयकर परिस्थिति हमारे देश के सामने है । गरीबी बढ़ती गई, बे री वड़ी गई इतना ही नहीं, समाजवाद के नारे के बावजूद गैर बराबरी भी बढ़ती गई । मैं इस समय धाकड़े नहीं देना चाहता हूँ लेकिन समय धाने पर धाकड़े देकर साबित करूँगा । बहुत से लोग इस को साबित कर चुके हैं कि धादिक गैर-बराबरी बड़ी गई । लेकिन उस के बावजूद भी इन्होंने कहा कि हमारे देश की धादिक प्रगति हो रही है, हम तरक्की की तरफ जा रहे हैं ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं ऐसा इनलिये कहना चाहता हूँ—हमारे राष्ट्रपति जी ने अपने अभिभाषण में स्वयं कहा है कि हमारी सरकार की स्थापना हुए अभी तीन ही दिन हुए हैं । हम को समय नहीं मिला है । धव हम का समय मिलेगा और हम समय निकाल कर एक योजना तैयार करेंगे कार्यन्वय तैयार करेंगे और तब हम देश को बतलायेंगे कि हम किस आधार पर देश का नव-निर्माण करना चाहते हैं । मगर एक बात साबित हो गई है कि धादिक लाभ को चाहे जितनी प्रशंसा की गई है, जनता को कहा गया है कि हम बहुत ऊँचे उठ गये हैं—परन्तु जनता ने धाकी उस बात को नहीं माना । आपने एमर्जेन्सी

का चाहे जितना बखान किया हो, धार लोगों की कीर्तन मझों ने इनर्जेन्सी का चाहे जितना कीर्तन किया हा जनता में उम को मानने से इन्कार कर दिया ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, बविवर दिनकर ने जो धान लिखी है—यह सब साबित हुई है—उन्होंने लिखा है—

व्यक्ति, वस या दन विनेय का देश गुलाम नहीं है,

उस की ही इच्छा जनता की सुरहाणाम नहीं है ।

सत्ता एक धराहर—जनता जब चाहे तब से ले,

अपने पावन वृक्ष में जिस को चाहे वह दे द ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, इनका समाजवाद का नारा जितना खोखला है, मैं निकें एक धाकड़े से साबित करना चाहता हूँ । मैं उम दिन काठमाण्डू में था और प्रधान मंत्री का ब्राइनास्ट मुन रहा था । बीस मूत्री कार्यन्वय के धारे में प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा था—जड़ तक जमीन के बटवारे का सवाल है एक साल के धन्दर जितनी प्रतिरिस्त भूमि है, पात्रिस्त जमीन है, सरप्लस लैंड है, एक एक इज भूमि का बटवारा एक साल के धन्दर हो जायेगा । मगर धाज क्या स्थिति है ? मैंने वक्त वृषि विभाग से धाकड़े इकट्ठे करने का प्रयास किया—मेरे पास वे 31 जनवरी 1977 के धाकड़े हैं—ये मेरे धरण धाकड़े नहीं हैं, इस सरकार के, हमारे प्रतिपक्ष के नंगा, जो उम समय विवेदन मंत्री थे, उन की सरकार के धाकड़े हैं । इन धाकड़ों में यह खजलाया गया—वह पात्र मूजे इस समय मिल नहीं रहा है—लगभग 34 लाख कुछ हजार एकड भूमि अ त्रिज भूमि के रूप में धापित हुई जिनमें से 13 लाख कुछ हजार एकड भूमि अत्रिज की गई, सरकार ने अपने कब्जे में ली । इस में से 11 लाख

कुछ हजार एकड़ भूमि का बटवारा हुआ। लेकिन उस से लाभान्वित हुए — केवल 7 लाख कुछ हजार लोग। मैं सही आँवड़े कागज पोज कर दे दूँगा। मैंने यह भी पता लगाने का प्रयास किया कि सरकार के आँवड़ों के मुताबिक हमारे देश में भूमिहीन लोग कितने हैं, तो मुझे तो बतलाया गया कि 3 करोड़ 46 लाख लोग भूमिहीन हैं। अब आप देखिये 3 करोड़ 46 लाख या शायद 4 करोड़ 56 लाख भूमिहीन लोग भू से कुल 7 लाख कुछ हजार लोग को भूमि दी गई — यानि यह दाल में तमक के बराबर भी नहीं है समुद्र की एक बूद के बराबर भी नहीं है। मगर इन्होंने यही कहा कि हमने समाजवाद ला दिया है हम ने जमीन का बड़े पैमाने पर बटवारा कर दिया है।

दुनिया को मालूम है कि जमीन के बटवारे का नारा जब इन लोगों ने शुरु किया तब जमीन बटन क लिये बची नहीं थी और अगर बची भी थी तो बहुत कम बची थी। हम न जमीन बांटने के लिये सन् 1948 में 1949 में 1950 में 1951 में, और 1952 में बड़े बड़े प्रदर्शन किये थे, सम्मेलन किये थे और प्रस्ताव पारित किये थे। जमीन बांटवाने के लिये हमने सत्याग्रह किया था और जेल गये थे। इन्होंने जमीन बांटने की बात तब सोची जबकि जमीन बांटने का लिये नहीं बचा। इस तरह स लोगों को जमीन नहीं मिली और न मिलने वाली ही थी बचा। कांग्रेस पाट जैसी है, कांग्रेस पार्टी का जैसा ढाँचा है, इस के नेता जैसे लोग हैं, उन से जमीन गरीब लोगों में बांटन की भाशा नहीं की जा सकती थी। जमीन बांटने का नाम पर लोगों को धोखा दिया गया था।

आप की घड़ी बज गई है, इसलिये मैं और अधिक समय नहीं लेना चाहता लेकिन इतना कहना चाहता हूँ कि इन लोगों से समाजवाद नहीं लाया जा सकता था। हमारे दल ने जो धोपना पत्र प्रकाशित किया है उसमें हम ने कहा है कि हम गांधीवाद पर चलेगें, महात्मा गांधी जो हमारे प्रेरणाश्रोत हैं और हम लोकतन्त्र और समाजवाद का निर्माण करेंगे और आगे आने वाले दिनों में यह साबित करेंगे कि जहाँ इनका समाजवाद नकली था, वहाँ हमारा समाजवाद असली समाजवाद होगा और यह साबित करेंगे कि जहाँ इन का समाजवाद रेडियो वाला, आकाशवाणी वाला था, आसमानी था, वहाँ हमारा समाजवाद धरती वाला होगा जमीन वाला होगा और जहाँ इन का समाजवाद कागजी था वहाँ हमारा समाजवाद वास्तविक होगा। यह हम आगे आने वाले दिनों में दिखा देंगे।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव पेश करता हुआ अपने भाषण को समाप्त करता हूँ और अपना स्थान ग्रहण करता हूँ।

SHRI K. S. HEGDE (Bangalore South) Mr Speaker, Sir, I have great pleasure in seconding the motion moved so admirably by my esteemed friend, Shri Karpoori Thakur. The last election was unlike the earlier elections. It was a second freedom struggle. It was a struggle to establish the freedom lost during the twenty months prior to the elections.

Sir everyone of us knows that everyone of our freedom was taken away by the then government and the then ruling party. On the 25th June, 1975 without any reason whatsoever an emergency was declared by the then government.

[Shri K. S. Hegde]

Mr Speaker, Sir we have now been told that the emergency when it was declared had not been approved by the Council of Ministers as required by the Constitution. An emergency can be declared only when there is a threat to the security of the country either by external aggression or internal disturbance. It is for all of us to consider whether there was any threat to the security of the country on the 25th June 1975. If there was any threat that threat was to the office of an individual. There was absolutely no threat to the security of the country. Small questions of law and order are now being considered as threat to the security of the country. On 25th June—you remember Mr Speaker—what had happened was that the Supreme Court of India refused to grant an unconditional stay to the then Prime Minister in her election appeal. There was a demand that she should step down at least for the time being till the case was decided by the Supreme Court. It was at that point of time that Mrs Gandhi and Mr Sudhartha Shankar Ray—who was not a member of the Central Cabinet then—the Chief Minister of West Bengal went at midnight to the President and asked the President to declare emergency. It was a strange phenomenon. You know, Mr Speaker—as you have been a member of the Central cabinet—that no important decision can be taken by the Prime Minister alone. But more than that, no outsider could take part in taking a decision which ought to be taken by the Council of Ministers. Such an important decision as to declare an internal emergency was taken by the Prime Minister in consultation with an authority which has nothing to do with the discharge of constitutional responsibility. The Chief Minister of West Bengal was not a member of the Council of Ministers. It was he who appears to have advised the Prime Minister to declare emergency to save herself. Now this declaration of emergency appears to have been placed before the Coun-

cil of Ministers on the next morning. It is very strange that very eminent members who are members of the Council of Ministers nodded their heads in approval. I did not expect an experienced administrator like Mr Chavan to support such a move (interrupted). The Council of Ministers did not raise even a little finger when the freedom of the country was destroyed by one stroke. What did they do? Immediately after the declaration of internal emergency an order was passed by the President under Article 352 of the Constitution saying that no one shall move the court for any relief either under Article 14 or under Article 21. All the rights under Article 19 had already stood suspended in view of the external emergency declared in 1971. The external emergency declared in 1971 when Pakistan declared war on this country and the Pakistan war was over in the course of a few days. One expected that that declaration of emergency will be revoked very soon. Repeated demands were made by the Opposition to revoke the emergency, but Mrs. Gandhi and her Government were not willing to revoke the emergency. Repeatedly they went on saying, "We have material before us which we are not prepared to disclose to any body to show that there was threat of external aggression. This was an entirely incorrect statement, and I don't think that there was any material before the Government to show that there was threat of external aggression. But they wanted this power to curb the liberty of the people so that once the declaration of emergency was made under Article 352, automatically all the rights under Article 19 stood suspended. That is what they wanted. They never wanted the people to enjoy the seven freedoms embodied under Article 19 of the Constitution. Now not being satisfied with that they did much more. A Notification was sought for from the President suspending the rights under Articles 14 and 21. Mr Speaker you remember what Article 21 is. Article 21 protects our life

and liberty It is the most important Article in the Constitution It protects our life it protects our liberty Now one such a declaration was made we lost all right to life and liberty The effect was summarised by the Attorney General in the Supreme Court He said Once a right under Article 21 was suspended one can be shot down and killed, one can be starved and killed and nobody can question ' This is what the Attorney-General said on behalf of the Government of India That is what has happened Thousands of people were arrested and detained Today's paper reports that even the Home Ministry does not know how many people were arrested and detained A strange phenomenon Then the Home Minister who probably enjoyed very little power in the Home Ministry at that time because the junior Minister was ruling went on saying 'Oh a small percentage of people we have detained Nobody knows how many people were detained Thousands of people were detained. According to our information over a lakh and fifty thousand people were detained during the course of emergency Not a single finger was raised in protest Members of Parliament were arrested and detained Why? Merely because they would not agree with the ruling Party or with the Prime Minister That is the only crime that the Members have committed What crime Mr Chandrasekhar committed A member of the Congress Party a Working Committee member What crime Mr Ram Dhan committed. He was the elected Secretary of the Congress Party? why was he detained? Did he do anything at all? Why was Dharwad detained No explanation was coming forth They were detained merely because they did not agree with the policies of Mrs Gandhi Whoever did not agree with Mrs Gandhi was dubbed as a traitor Whoever helped her or said yes' for everything she said was considered as the greatest patriot in this country It

is the most strange phenomenon that every single Minister of our Cabinet bowed down his head. I think history will record that the attitude of those Ministers had been a shameful one

In no other country were the Ministers so submissive to the Prime Minister as in this country during the Emergency Obviously they were afraid that they would themselves be arrested and put in detention. I know one Member of Parliament He appears to have told a friend of mine when asked how do you happen to support such a legislation? That the only alternative before him was either to vote in favour of the legislation or to go to jail and he preferred to vote with the government This is what has happened

MR SPEAKER The hon Member may continue after Lunch

130 hrs

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch
till Fourteen of the Clock

The Lok Sabha re assembled after
Lunch at three minutes past fourteen
of the Clock

[SHRI DHIRENDRA NATH BASU in the
Chair]

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE ADDRESS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT
ACTING AS PRESIDENT—Contd.

SHRI K S HEGDE Mr Chairman, prior to the lunch break I had referred to the manner in which the Council of Ministers were functioning during the Emergency I had mentioned the fact that instead of functioning as independent and competent representatives of the people they functioned as yes men of Mrs Gandhi Even a major decision like the declaration of Emergency was made without even consulting them. That is not all. Many more things have been done Many atrocities were committed and yet the Council of Ministers closed their eyes plugged their ears and shut their mouths They did not take any action whatsoever to protect the interests of the people of this country

[Shri H. S. Hegde]

the judiciary and force it to obey the orders of the Government. They propounded the theory of committed judges. Have you ever heard that in a democratic country the judges of the country should be committed to the philosophy of the Government? They are undoubtedly committed to the philosophy of the Constitution. They are bound by the philosophy of the Constitution and not by the philosophy of the Government of the day. The late Mr. Kumaramangalam while propounding the theory on the floor of the House said, 'We want judges who are forward looking and who will accept our point of view. This is the theory propounded by Mr. Kumaramangalam and obediently followed by Mr. Gokhale. What did they do?' Every judge who decided any important case against the government was transferred. In my State of Karnataka, 2 very impartial and eminent judges against whom no complaints had ever been made, were transferred. What had they done? They entertained the writ petition of Mr. Advani and others. They came to the conclusion that they could entertain the petition. Those 2 judges were transferred to UP and Assam. The second gentleman who was transferred had married late. (Interruptions) For Mr. Lakkappa's benefit I will tell him what the provision of the Constitution is. When the provision was enacted in the Lok Sabha Mr. A. K. Sen gave a solemn assurance on the floor of this House that no judge would be transferred without his consent. Let us find this out from the records. Mr. Lakkappa may not know it. Mr. Lakkappa says that there is a provision in the Constitution. There are many provisions in the Constitution. They are to be implemented in a proper manner. The judge concerned had two small children; he had to go to Assam where Assamese is the regional language. I have made a proposal to the Law Minister that all those judges who had been transferred on political or extraneous considerations must be given a chance

to go back to their home States. If they had been transferred on a proper or proper grounds it is another matter. But if they had been transferred solely on political or extraneous grounds, they must be given a chance to go back, so that the independence of the judiciary may be maintained. The independence of the judiciary is sought to be established not for the benefit of the judges. They cannot benefit from this independence. Members of the House can increase their own salary or perquisites as we have been repeatedly doing but the judges cannot do it. Independence was given to them, so that the rights of the people may be protected. It is for that reason that their independence was provided for. A few judges have succumbed to the threats of the Government. Mr. Jethmalani has given notice of an amendment providing for the screening of the judges. I for one with all respect to Mr. Jethmalani am totally against it. I agree with him that some of the judges have tried to play politics during the Emergency. It is a different matter. But once you begin to screen judges for the sake of just a few of them, we will be repeating the same thing which Mrs. Indira Gandhi's government did. That will be demoralising the judiciary. The independence of the judiciary is extremely important.

What about the rights of the people? All the rights have been completely taken away. The rights of the people are embodied in Articles 14, 19 and 21. We will leave other Articles to themselves. They are not that important. Article 14 provides for equality of opportunity and equality before law. Article 19 embodies the 7 well known freedoms and Article 21 provides for protecting life and liberty. These Articles were embodied in the Constitution after a great deal of deliberation. Back in 1928, the Congress party at its session in Madras, ap-

pointed a committee under the chairmanship of Pandit Motilal Nehru. That committee went into the matter and made several recommendations. Thereafter another committee appointed by all parties conference under the chairmanship of Mr Tej Bahadur Sapru went into the matter again and that committee endorsed the recommendations of the Motilal Nehru Committee. Thereafter, after the Second World War during which the human rights were destroyed all over the world, the United Nations appointed a Human Rights Commission under the chairmanship of Mrs Roosevelt. This Commission sat in Paris for a long time and the human rights were all listed and embodied in a Charter. India was a party to that Charter. We were one of the first subscribers to the charter. All the rights mentioned in Part III of the Constitution are taken from the U.N. Charter. Everyone of them, each one of them has been taken from the United Nations Charter. Each one of them has been completely annihilated. We have no guaranteed right of equality before the law; it can be completely taken away. So also the seven freedoms under article 19 and also the freedoms under article 21. Our Constitution, as one author said, has been damaged, deraced and disfigured. And when did they do it? That is most important. They were elected for a term of five years. After the term expired, they gave unto themselves another one year, and thereafter yet another one year. And during that period of grace, what did they do? They said the people had given a mandate to them back in 1971 to amend the Constitution. If there was a mandate in 1971, why did they forget it till 1987? Why were they sleeping over it? This is a question that has to be answered on the floor of the House. It is in 1976 during the period of emergency, that they amended the Constitution. Shrimati Gandhi was plain in saying "we are amending the Constitution so as to consolidate the gains of emergency." She made it absolutely clear.

Now, what is it that they have done? They have enacted article 31C which empowers all legislatures both Central as well as State Legislatures to enact any law abrogating all the rights under articles 14, 19 and 31. They can make any law and all that the Legislature has to do is to make a declaration that it is to implement the Directive Principles.

It seems they are very fond of implementing the Directive Principles. Let me remind the Leader of the Opposition and the other members of the opposition that one of the Directive Principles was to give free and compulsory education to all children between the ages of 6 and 14 by 1960. Did they do it? Did the courts come in the way? Did the Fundamental Rights come in the way? Another very important Directive Principle was to devolve progressively more and more powers to the local self-governing unit. But local self-governments have been annihilated over the last ten years. No elections have been held for the local self-governments. When Shri Sheikh Abdullah wanted to hold elections they almost threatened him with satyagraha because they never believed in elections at all.

In my State the elections to cooperative societies have been made away with. Now they have filled up all those posts with the nominees of the Government. Not only that, the land tribunals have also been filled up with nominees of the Government and they were the most important election agents of the party then in power.

SHRI K. LAKSHAPPA (Tumkur)
We have made programme laid reforms. (Interruptions)

SHRI K. S. HEGBDE (Mr. Chairman), I am prepared to agree with Mr. Lakshappa that some of the points that he has mentioned are very progressive and I support them. Is he satisfied now?

Shri K S Hegde]

But what is the worst feature of these disputes have to be settled by whom? By your henchmen, and they are invariably decided in favour of the Congressmen and their henchmen. That is the worst feature. Why do you have independent people to decide the disputes. I hope you will not dispute it when I say that most of them worked for the Congress Candidates during the last elections. There is no doubt about it. The tribunal members were doing election work and then going to the tribunal and deciding cases and then again doing election work. I am sure Shri Pai, will not deny it. I know in his constituency the tribunal members did election work.

SHRI T A. PAI (Udupi) I know that some of them worked for you also.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE Then they would not have continued to be members at all.

SHRI T A. PAI You have to be impartial when you make statements.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE I would say that the whole machinery has been perverted, the judicial machinery has been completely perverted.

Many of them, including my esteemed friend, Mr. Pai, for whom I have great regard,—we have worked together for a number of years told the electorate, look, all your property rights will be taken away if Janata comes to power. They were going on saying while we want to protect your property right, the Janata Party wants to take away the property right. They were saying it because in our manifesto we have said that the property right will be a statutory right and not a constitutional right, not a fundamental right. The reason is obvious. In the guise of taking away the property right, they were mostly concerned with taking away the liberties of the people. What the Janata Party has said that property right will be a statutory and not a fundamental right. I hope the hon

Members realise its legal implications. Today we have absolutely no property right at all because article 31(2) provides that any property can be taken away by Government for public purpose by paying a nominal amount. A property worth Rs. 10 lakhs or Rs. 10 crores can be taken away by the Government for public purpose for Rs. 10.

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL KAIDU (Chittur) Within the ceiling, a market value is to be paid.

SOME HON. MEMBERS No, no

SHRI K. S. HEGDE His information is not correct at all. Let him not dare dispute what I say. Let them first study the law and then dispute it.

Under article 31(1) you can take away any property, there is no difficulty or doubt, but the Janata Party has said let there be no excuse for taking away the other liberties of the people. We do not care for property rights, but we do care for freedom of speech, freedom of movement, freedom to practise any profession, freedom to form associations and equality before the law. This is exactly what we have said. All these rights had been taken away during the last twenty months.

Now it is our programme to re-amend the Constitution to restore it to its original position. We have a mandate from the people to restore to them the rights that they have been robbed of by a Parliament which had no power at all, which had outlived its existence, which had put people, including Members of

Parliament, in prison which had frightened Members of Parliament. It was under duress that the law was passed. It is the mandate of the people now to re-amend the Constitution and restore the balance. In this we seek, co-operation of the Opposition. I hope they will respect the mandate of the People. If they do not they are accountable to the people. If they vote against it, we will go back to the people and tell them what has been done by them. It is up to them now to decide. This is a crucial time in the history of this country. They have done a lot of damage to our Constitution, they have destroyed the rights of the people. We want to give back to the people their rights. I hope the Opposition will have the good sense to see the writing on the wall and support the move of the Government.

So far as the economic condition is concerned, our aim is not merely to profess to do something but to really do something. Back in 1971 the Congress Party, under the leadership of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, said that they would wipe out poverty in this country. The people voted for the slogan of *garibi hatao*. They did not vote for the Congress Party. Let us see what has happened during the last six years. How much of poverty has been removed and how much remains. Mrs. Indira Gandhi had the courage to say the other day that she had implemented all the promises that she had given, but may I know how much of poverty has been removed? The number of people under the poverty line has substantially increased as everybody knows. Prices have gone up enormously between 1971 and 1977. The conditions of the people are miserable. I come from a constituency which has no less than 101 slums. Everybody thinks that Bangalore is a very beautiful city, a city of gardens. When I fought the elections, I was also under the impression that it was a city of educated people and that I should not have any difficulty in getting their confidence.

Once I went to that area and found that a large area was full of slums.

(Interruptions)

It is true that I have retired. I love my retired life. I give credit to my friends who drew me back to politics.

(Interruptions)

Look at the slum conditions in Bangalore. In other places, it may be worse. People are living there in sub-human conditions. Even cattle cannot live in such places. The poor people, the weaker sections of the society are terribly suffering. Something has to be immediately done to alleviate the suffering they have gone through in this country. They believed in the promises of the Congress Party; they blindly voted for them.

The men who have been living there do not think of tomorrow because they have no education. The Congress had deliberately kept them illiterate, uneducated. They merely think of the day.

During elections, sarees were distributed, liquor flowed like water. Their workers were going in trucks carrying sarees, money and weapons. My workers seized four trucks containing these things.

(Interruptions)

I don't think my constituency was an exception. Even in other places, hundreds of cars were running day-in-day-out and spending lakhs of rupees. It had been made possible for them to do so because of the amendment to the electoral law. Now the party could spend any amount. The electoral law had not been reformed at all in spite of the repeated demands that there should be free and fair elections. Laws, instead of being changed to make them good so that we might have proper and just elections, were amended in such a

political corruption. What happened was that, whenever a person went against the Prime Minister immediately an inquiry was started against him. I am not against it. Mrs. Nandini Satpathy was removed from the Chief Ministership and within two days an inquiry was started against her. 120 Members of Parliament made a complaint against Mr. Bansi Lal, and Mr. Indira Gandhi was not willing to hold an inquiry. The Public Accounts Committee in Karnataka made serious charges against Mr. Devraj Urs but she was not interested in holding an inquiry against him.

AN HON. MEMBER Against Mr. Nijalingappa also

SHRI K. S. HEGDE Hold an inquiry. I am not against any inquiry. If there are charges against me or Mr. Lakkappa let an inquiry be held. I am prepared to face it. I am not saying that inquiries should be held only against one person or the other. What I am saying is that

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA Such people are in the Janta Party

SHRI K. S. HEGDE Most of those people who have been held to be corrupt or are known to be corrupt have been sent back to the Congress Party. They are not in the Janta Party at all, and they will have no place in the Janta Party.

It is necessary that the present Government should soon enact a law to control political corruption, to see that there is no political corruption. I know, corruption is not only at the political level, but it is there at other levels also. But it is not possible to tackle all of them at the same time. What is most important is to tackle the political corruption because that is the fountain source of all corruption. We are told that Emergency was proclaimed to put down smuggling. Mr. K. R. Ganesh was the first to start proceedings against smugglers and Mr. Ganesh soon lost his Finance portfolio. At any rate, we know, one smuggler made a press

statement in Delhi that for the U.P. elections he gave Rs. 4 crores to the Congress Party. It is well known that it is the Congress Party which sponsored the smugglers; they encouraged them; they supported them. It was only when the public opinion went against them that they tried to go against the smugglers. We would like them also to join us in enacting a law to put down smuggling effectively. But it would not be by preventive detention because he may be a smuggler or may not be a smuggler. Who knows? Who judges that? Somebody must independently go into the matter and decide. Then only will there be value for human liberty. What the Congress Government was doing was, whichever smuggler was with them he was not detained and whichever smuggler refused to be with them was detained. It is also well known that many smugglers were leading a luxurious life in the jail; they were given radios, they were allowed to remain in hospitals; they could enjoy life in full.

MR. SPEAKER The hon. Member may conclude.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE Yes, Sir. I do not want to encroach on the time of the House any more. I do not want to break the rules.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Chirayinkul) He made an allegation about the U.P. election. Mr. Bahuguna was the Chief Minister at that time.

MR. SPEAKER No, the hon. Member should not get up like this. He may sit down.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE It is very difficult to educate these people. It is a very hard task for me to educate them. I do not want to take upon myself that responsibility.

MR. SPEAKER Somebody will do it. Mr. Hegde will conclude his speech.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE Thank you for giving me the time, Sir. I close my speech.

MR. SPEAKER Motion moved

[Mr Speaker]

That an Address be presented to the Vice President acting as President in the following terms—

That the Members of Lok Sabha assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Vice President acting as President for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 28th March 1977.

I may remind hon Members that some amendments to the Motion have been circulated. If the hon Members desire to move their amendments, they may send slips to the Table within 15 minutes indicating the serial number of the amendments to be moved.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN

(Satara) Mr Speaker, Sir, I am rising to participate in this debate for a brief time to explain our views on the President's address, which is under discussion. Before I start discussing the document itself, I would like to give my best wishes and congratulations to the party in power particularly the Prime Minister, who happens to be an old Congressman and also a very elderly statesman of India. We are happy to see him there. When I said, I wish well to the ruling party—because they claim to be a party—I have my own doubts about this proposition, but I would come to that point a little later. But certainly I think I must give them my best wishes. They claim to be a party. I wish they were a party, but as they are claiming it, it is better to wish them well.

Now coming to the document itself, it is a very brief document and looks a light weight document, not in the physical sense but looking to the contents of the document. Certainly I do understand the argument that there was a very little time for the Government to prepare a well-reasoned document in three days time

but even then there are many experienced people in political life and administrative life sitting on the Treasury Benches and we expected a little better document, a little weighty document with a little more content. This observation, I must make as a representative of my party. They have come to take over the administration with triumphal beating of drums and I think, it was necessary for the country to know exactly what they want to do while in power in different fields. There are of course, certain indications of a few things, about which I will certainly say very briefly what we think about these.

Sir, many members discussed the significance of the election results and the pattern of the elections. Well, we have conceded that we have lost the election and the mandate has gone against the emergency. As the Mandate has gone against the emergency, we have withdrawn the emergency and I think, our country has said good-bye to the emergency for good. But at the same time I think the significance of the election was that it rejected the emergency, but it did not accept the Janta party. This is a matter of interpretation. The Janta Party, I am told has yet to come into existence on the 1st of May a very revolutionary day to take birth and I am sure, the members of the CPM would take a great pride in that and sing songs about it. I, of course do not know about the feelings of the Swatantra party.

This vote according to me, is rejection of the rigours of emergency and the emergency itself. We as Congressmen, have accepted it as we shall. We have also accepted the lesson that delegation of powers without adequate checks and controls, either to the executive or to the bureaucracy is apt to be misused and abused. This is a lesson that one needs to keep in mind and I think, this would guide the political life of India in the days to come.

चोरों बलबोर सिंह (होशियारपुर) - ब्रायरी
बरा में क्या खाक मुमलमा होंगे ,

श्री मुहम्मद शकी कुरैशी ऐ न, करेंगे तो
एम भी आपके लॉडर को बोलने नहीं देंगे ।

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN

I do not mind interruptions It is all part of the parliamentary life I am quite used to it and we should be prepared for it.

I was saying that I have my own doubts about accepting Janata Party, as one party Though there is a wishful thinking going on both inside the House and outside the House that a two-party system is emerging. If it emerges I will be very happy about it—but, as I know the Members I can tell that for the last 3-4 days when the regular business of the House started, since then I have attended the House for a major part of the day, and I tried to discern and absorb the speeches made on the other side because I was trying to understand what the Janata Party has got for the people I know the Members and I know who is a Socialist, who is a Marxist, who is a Swatantra and who is a Jan Sangh and who is a Cong (O) man We know them all We know their respected leaders and their views and their presentation and we anticipated what they would try to do But I was trying to know what this strange animal Janata Party is like

SHRI SHEO NARAIN (Basti) It will take time

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN

I really wanted to know what exactly they are trying to forget about their past because, ultimately

AN HON MEMBER. There will be no DIR.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN

When I am trying to give your description, please don't get angry about

it Certainly you have exaggerated many things You have showered abuses on my Party and the previous Government Naturally you should be prepared to listen something from this side as well As a ruling Party I would advise that you should learn to absorb more of this type of things because you have to stay there Is it not? If you want to stay there then better leave it there and accept such things.

I was trying to say that we know their respected leaders We know them all Now, what exactly the Janata Party can give? What exactly is Janata Party's special programme? Yesterday, Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta who is not present here now gave out the truth. I must thank him for that He said, Previously as he went as a Jana Sangh candidate he never got more than 1 per cent of the Muslim votes but this time when he went as Janata candidate, he got 91 per cent of the Muslim votes.'

AN HON MEMBER Now he has learnt a lot. Why should you feel sorry for that?

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN

I am not sorry, because he has not forgotten that he is a Jana Sangh man. Not only that, he has now found that Janata Party was a good vote-catching device

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE (Banka)

He was, but he is Janata now

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN

This is the line of argument, I wish it were true I was saying that this Party is nothing more than a vote-catching device I can say that in politics there is nothing wrong in adopting vote catching devices. Let me make it very clear It is a very legitimate thing to do. But then say that it is so

Hon Member Shri Karpoori Thakur this morning gave statistics as to what percentage of votes his Party got and

[Shri Yashwantrao Chavan]

what the Congress got I would certainly like to tell him that his type of percentage collection of different types of parties together without any common approach excepting the opposition to the Congress and exploitation of unfortunate situation of the emergency will not help them. The emergency was an unfortunate situation. They have expressed their views and I have expressed my views about emergency and I would like to tell my countrymen and my Party members that emergency is not a part of the tradition or ideology of the Congress. Congress has stood for democracy, for individual liberty and individual freedom. At the same time Congress has stood for social justice, economic equality and socialism.

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE I take it it was an aberration of yours.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN If you call it aberration, well, I will not take objection.

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE Thank you.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN But this is not part of our Congress tradition. This is not part of our Congress ideology. It arose because of certain unusual events which prevailed before the introduction of emergency. Some of the parties have made their contribution to it also. Let me ask you to take note of that also. We drifted into that situation of emergency. It is good that it is over. We have said good bye to it and good-bye for good, good bye to it forever. So I would like to make this point perfectly clear. As I said, we have learnt a lesson. You also have learnt a lesson. Don't take people for granted, comforting oneself and throwing election results at our faces in the manner in which it is being done. Is taking people too much for granted.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour, It is a dying declaration

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN That is the only thing you know about. I never disturbed you. The point which I am making is this: but our party has got its commitment to ideology, its programme, it has got its coordinated policies, on the basis of which they have functioned in this country for the last thirty years. These efforts have made a major contribution in making what modern India is today. These facts cannot be denied simply by negating Congress. You can always raise a question about emergency. Yesterday the Finance Minister was refusing to accept certain realities. We don't say that we have done everything good. But we have done certain things to improve the economy of the country. Look at the foreign exchange position. We have proved that we have got the capacity to stop the trend of inflation which the world bodies have accepted.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) The World Bank has wrongly accepted the manipulated claim of buoyancy of the economy which was bogus.

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East) Government statistics are what they are. We have expressed our doubts about the Government statistics.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN You will be representing India in many international conferences. Please don't do injustice to India in order to spite the Congress. Only because you do not like us, don't say World Bank was bogus.

SHRI MORARJI DESAI I have not said that the World Bank is bogus. I have never said that.

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN The World Bank has produced certain documents which you consider bogus. That means, World Bank is bogus. What else does it mean?

the nation. Our foreign policy is not a Party policy, it is a national policy and I hope we continue with that without any break. I am sure a responsible person like Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee is in charge of the policy and because he was a member of this House and he was in politics for a longer time, I am sure he will provide that leadership and see that the foreign policy of India succeeds and makes India a stronger India in the comity of the world.

I would certainly like to say one word about the economic aspect because yesterday I found the Finance Minister and many other Members were trying to say that India has lost economically this way or that way. This is not going to help India as a nation and I would therefore request you to forget the Congress as now you have defeated it. Why the Congress is constantly on your mind. Forget about it and think about yourself first. I am giving this word of advice on the basis of experience. See to your responsibility because India's problems are complex problems, difficult problems. Merely abusing the Congress is not going to help you. Therefore, concentrate on what you can do. Merely under-estimating Congress or under-estimating the policy of the Congress is not good. You have to take India from where it is to the forward positions. If you are to do that, you must see the strength of India, you must see the weakness of India. You cannot say that all is vague, everything is lost. Then you don't know India. Certainly there are many basic stands in the foreign policy area, in the economic policy area, in the educational policy area. Regarding Science and technology, for example we have certainly got many assets to our credit. Are you going to under-estimate them? Are you going to create an image of India as if it is 'nothing'? Please therefore forget us for the time being and think about at least India if at all you want to rule this country.

I will express some views on one paragraph that the Government have included in the Address. That was about the Constitution-making where they have advocated the theory of balance. This is the very old theory of balance, balance between people and Parliament and judiciary and individuals and people—all sorts of balance of power theory. I will certainly like to make my Party's position very clear on some of the aspects. Though we have accepted the results of the elections in a certain way which I have explained already, we have not accepted the election results as a rejection of the Forty-second Constitutional Amendment Bill. I would like to make that clear. We basically stand for the paramourcy of Parliament. If you want to under-estimate it, you do that. But we stand by that principle of Parliament's paramourcy. But at the same time I would like to say that if there are any other aspects and if you come with any specific formulations, we will certainly consider them.

श्री मधु तिमवे (बारा) ध्याने ता
लोह बना ने मुद् पर ताता लगाया था ।
धन धाप मनद की सर्वोच्चता की, सुविनेनी
की, बात पर रहे हैं ।

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN
Forget the past. Now you are again in Parliament and I am again in Parliament. Forget the past and think about the present and future.

I was making certain clarifications. I have stated our position. But if at all there are any positions which we think in the light of the new situation are worthy of our consideration, we can always consider them with an open mind. But I would like to repeat that as far as the basic position is concerned we don't accept the election result as a rejection of the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Bill. That is very much part of our policy and we are not sorry that we placed it.

That at the end of the motion the following be added namely

but regret that in the Address there is no mention that India stands with the people of Africa who are waging a great struggle for the consolidation of their freedom and independence which is threatened by neo colonialist offensive launched by imperialism (29)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address there is no mention about our continued support to the heroic people of South Africa Zambwe and Namubia who are fighting against the apartheid and racialism for their national liberation (30)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

'but regret that in the Address there is no mention that India will continue to strengthen her bonds of friendship and co operation with the socialist countries. (31)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address there is no mention that the Government would take steps to reduce the voting age to 18 (32)

That at the end of the motion the following be added namely

but regret that in the Address no concrete measure has been spelt out for effectively solving the problem of unemployment." (33)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

'but regret that in the Address there is no mention about the

recent trend of price rise and no remedy suggested (34)

That at the end of the motion the following be added namely

but regret that in the Address there is no mention about the need for a thorough reform in the field of education culture and sports. (35)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

but regret that in the Address there is no mention about the need to de link the newspapers from the big industrial houses. (36)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address there is no mention about trend of alarming growth in the assets of the big monopoly houses in India and no measures suggested to curb the growth of monopoly in Indian economy (37)

That at the end of the motion the following be added namely

'but regret that in the Address there is no mention about the need to vigorously implement land reforms (38)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address there is no mention about the Twenty Point Programme and a review of its implementation' (39)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address there is no assurance that those responsible for the excesses in implementing Family Planning Programme will be brought to book and punished. (40)

[Shri C K. Chandrappan]

That at the end of the motion
the following be added namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
serious crisis in handloom indus-
try resulting in massive unem-
ployment and no remedy suggest-
ed (41)

That at the end of the motion
the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention made about
the atrocities perpetrated against
Harijans and no remedy suggest-
ed." (42)

That at the end of the motion
the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
serious problem of brain drain
in India and its far reaching con-
sequences on our progress in
future (43)

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
crisis in traditional industries
like textiles, jute, coir, cashew
and beedi and suggested remedy
(44)

That at the end of the motion
the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
millions of contract labourers
who are exploited in the medie-
val fashion and no remedy sug-
gested. (45)

That at the end of the motion
the following be added namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
problem of illiteracy and no re-
medy suggested (46)

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
ways and means by which the
new Central Government would
improve and strengthen its rela-
tions with the State Govern-
ments (47)

That at the end of the motion
the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
need for the immediate scrapping
of the Compulsory Deposit Sche-
me and repayment of money to
workers. (48)

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
speedy settlement of inter State
river water disputes especially
about the settlement of Cauvery
water dispute between Karra-
taka Kerala and Tamil Nadu." (49)

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added namely

but regret that in the Address
there is no mention about the
speedy sanctioning of all out-
standing cases of pension to free
dom fighters especially in cases
relating to Puncrapra Vayalar
struggle in former Travancore
State Telengana armed insur-
gence against Nizam of Hydera-
bad, RIN and RAF mutiny, INA
cases and Mopla Rebellion Mala-
bar (50)

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added, namely

but regret that in the Address
does not reaffirm India's support
to the struggle for rational liber-
ation and against racism" (76)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

'but regret that the Address is silent on the issue of the implementation of the decisions of the Colombo non-aligned summit" (77)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

'but regret that the Address does not reiterate India's resolve to work in cooperation with the socialist and other third world countries for the establishment of a new international economic order in the face of opposition by the USA and other Western powers" (78)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

'but regret that the Address misses the arms build up in our region by the USA including continued equipping of the military base in Diego Garcia, nor does it give call for an end to the arms race" (79)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not offer India's support to be Arab people in their struggle for securing the withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Arab territories in terms of the Security Council resolution of October, 1967 and of other resolutions of the Council." (80)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not make any demand for transforming the Indian Ocean as a peace Zone" (81)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not take due note of the

move of the World Bank to distort India's developmental policies by laying stress on the so-called export oriented industries " (82)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not indicate any solution of the problem of repayment liabilities on account of the country's heavy foreign debts" (83)

That at the end of the motion the following be added namely

'but regret that the Address does not refer to the east-west detente demanding its extension in other regions in order to make it irreversible" (84)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not take due note of US President Jimmy Carter's statement that the USA would deal with the developing nations case by case from the point of view of the country's interest." (85)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not take any pride in India's policy of peace, non-alignment and anti-imperialism which has raised the stature of the country in world affairs and at the same time brought strength to it" (86)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

'but regret that while correctly noting that the people have given a clear verdict against the emergence of 'extra-constitutional centres of power' against which the CPI and others in Parliament and outside had been repeatedly warning during the months of emergency, the Address, however, does not indicate

ing the emergency would be repealed and that the right to bonus as under the original Act would be fully restored" (52).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not give an assurance that the C.D.S. would be scrapped." (53)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address ignores the fact that the large number of Naxalites and other political prisoners are still in detention under MISA and otherwise in West Bengal and in other States whose unconditional release is the demand of the public." (54).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address overlooks the fact that during the emergency altogether impermissible concessions had been given to the monopolists not only to the detriment of the national economy but also in defiance of the wider considerations of social justice" (55).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address overlooks the demand of the working people that the concessions to the monopoly houses given during the emergency would be withdrawn." (56).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address does not assure that the tolling peasantry will be assured remunerative prices for their produce." (57).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address does not take note of the fact that the minimum wage and the fixed wage for agricultural labourer has not been duly implemented in many States while their implementation is of crucial importance from the point of view of national economy and social justice." (58)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address does not assure that the problem of closures, retrenchment and lay off will be effectively tackled with a view to protecting the workers and employees." (59)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address does not take note of the fact that Indian big business houses are exporting capital out of India while the nation needs a higher domestic saving for investment within the country." (60).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address does not refer to the public sector nor does it give an assurance that the public sector shall be further expanded and democratised." (61).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address does not propose any measure to effectively curb the money power in elections." (62).

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely:

"but regret that the Address seeks to push the idea of a Two

[Shri P K Kadiyan]

Party System for our country, which is nothing but an attempt to undermine the role of the working people through their left hand democratic parties, in the affairs of the nation (63)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address distorts the results of the election in order to foist upon the country discredited bipartisanship of the US brand on our country" (64)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address while declaring that India will follow a path of genuine non-alignment does not specifically reaffirm that the policy of peace, anti imperialism anti-colonialism and anti-racism will be unwaveringly pursued." (65)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added namely

"but regret that the Address does not promise that the minimum pension to the freedom fighters will be increased which has been a long standing demand of the freedom fighters and the public." (66)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not assure that self-reliance and attainment of economic independence shall be the main direction of the national economic development. (67)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not take any note of the increasing infiltration and exploitation by multi-nationals in our country" (68)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added namely

but regret that the Address does not contain any assurance regarding steps against atrocities being committed against Harijans in several parts of the country' (69)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not give any assurance to implement the revised minimum wages for agricultural workers" (70)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

but regret that the Address does not refer to the urgency of implementing land ceiling laws." (71)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not make any reference to the grave unemployment problem in the country" (72)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added namely

"but regret that the Address does not refer to the problem of distribution of free house sites to landless people in the rural areas" (73)

That at the end of the motion the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address does not give any assurance to implement debt relief measures for agricultural workers, Harijans, Adivasis and poor peasants." (74)

That at the end of the motion, the following be added, namely

but regret that the Address does not mention the need to repeal the Act negating the LIC Bonus agreement." (75)

SHRI N SREEKANTAN NAIR
(Quilon) I beg to move

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added, namely

'but regret that no mention
has been made in the Address to
restore the right of the workers
to get bonus of 8 1/3 per cent as
deferred wage' (102)

That at the end of the motion, the
following be added, namely

but regret that no mention has
been made in the Address for
solving the problems of unem-
p'oment and of bringing down
the price line" (103)

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Churayim-
kil) I beg to move

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added, namely

'but regret that there is no
mention in the Address regarding
the withdrawal of the Compul-
sory Deposit Scheme." (160)

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added, namely

'but regret that the Address
has not given any assurance to
amend the Bonus Act to declare
the bonus as a deferred wage"
(161)

That at the end of the motion,
the following be added, namely

"but regret that the Address
has not made any specific propo-
sal for the overall development
of the backward areas of the
country especially the southern
part of the country" (162)

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद मायूर (सीकर)

अध्यक्ष महोदय, विपक्ष के नेता ने यह बात
जानने में अपनी असमर्थता प्रकट की है कि
जतना पार्टी क्या है। उन्होंने कहा है कि
जनता किस प्रकार का जानवर है।

What sort of animal the Janata
Party is?

यह चव्हाण साहब ने कहा है
लेकिन मैं उन को यह बात देना चाहता हूँ
कि इस सब में मुझे होली के इतिहास की
घटना याद आती है क्योंकि होली के बाद
ही हमारे यहाँ चुनाव हुए थे। आप को याद
होगा कि किस प्रकार से हिरण्यकश्यप ने
जनता के ऊपर अत्याचार किए थे। उस
राक्षस ने कह रखा था कि मेरे राज्य में राम
का नाम नहीं ले सकते, मेरे राज्य के अन्दर
सत्य नहीं बोल सकते। तो उस राक्षस को
समाप्त करने के लिए नरसिंह ने अवतार
लिया था और नरसिंह अवतार ने किस
प्रकार से उस राक्षस को मारा, यह चव्हाण
साहब जानते हैं। उसी तरह से नरसिंह अवतार
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हुआ है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, चव्हाण साहब ने यह
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है कि बड़े बड़े हेवी वेट-लिफ्टर्स को लाइट-वेट लिफ्टर्स में पछाड़ दिया है। इसलिए लाइट-वेट डाकुमेंट हाथ हुए भी, जनता पार्टी की ओर से, जनता पार्टी की सरकार की ओर से सक्षिप्त रूप में यह एक बहुत अच्छा डाकुमेंट है। राष्ट्रपति जी ने यह कहा है कि केवल तीन दिन हमारी सरकार को बने हुए हैं और तीन दिन के अन्दर हम ने जो कुछ भी सोचा है, वह इस डाकुमेंट के अन्दर दिया है। अगर चूल्हा साहब गंभीरता से इस का अध्ययन करते तो उन को पता लग जाता कि किस दिशा की ओर हमारी सरकार जाने वाली है। हमारी सरकार ने उन की ओर भी मित्रता का हाथ बढ़ाया है।

जहाँ तक चुनाव का सम्बन्ध है, यह चुनाव कोई किसी नेता ने नहीं जीता है और न किसी उम्मीदवार ने इस चुनाव को जीता है। यह चुनाव तो जनता ने जीता है और उस ने बता दिया है कि क्या दिशा देश को देनी चाहिए। कांग्रेस पार्टी को हरा कर दुनिया के इतिहास में एक मिसाल जनता ने कायम की है और जनता ने 25 जून, 1975 की वाली रात के दिन प्रधान मंत्री इन्दिरा गांधी न जो हिन्दुस्तान के प्रथम गणतन्त्र की जो हत्या की थी, उस के स्थान पर 24 मार्च 1977 के दिन श्री मुरारजी देसाई को प्रधान मंत्री बना कर एक नए गणतन्त्र की स्थापना की है और इस की जिम्मेदारी उन पर डाली है कि वे इस देश के पुनर्निर्माण के काम को धीरे बढ़ाए। चूल्हा साहब इस दशक के बहुत पुराने, जाने पहचाने नेता हैं। पता नहीं अब भी वे क्यों 42 वें असेम्बली पर अड़े

हुए हैं? यह अड़े रहने का धमकर नहीं है। जहाँ तक पार्लियामेंट की सुप्रीमसी का प्रश्न है, हम भी उसका पक्ष में हैं। हम नहीं चाहते कि वह न रहे। हम चाहते हैं कि जनता पार्टी और कांग्रेस पार्टी दोनों मिल कर, आपस में एक साथ बँट कर इस मामले पर बातचीत करें। एमर्जेन्सी के दौरान जो कुछ भी घट्टाया हुआ है उसको हम सब का सम्मान करता है। चाहे, हम और आप भारत के गणतन्त्र में नए अध्याय को प्रारम्भ करें। हमारे प्रधान मंत्री इस दशक में प्रजातन्त्र की परंपराओं को फिर से स्थापित करना चाहते हैं और इसमें वे विरोधी पक्ष का नेता के सहयोग की अपेक्षा करते हैं। हम पुरानी बातों को भूलना चाहेंगे। लेकिन इसका साथ ही हम एक नए अध्याय का भी प्रारम्भ करना चाहेंगे। अगर हम इस 42वें संविधान संशोधन पर अड़ रहे तो बहुत सारी बातें खुलेगी जो कि हम नहीं चाहते। हम चाहते हैं कि देश के अन्दर नए अध्याय का प्रारम्भ हो और इसको प्रारम्भ करने में जनता पार्टी और विरोधी पक्ष दोनों सहयोग करें।

आपने जनता पार्टी के गठन के बारे में भी कहा। हम स्वयं स्वीकार करते हैं कि अभी इसका पूरी तरह से गठन होना है। आप ही ने इसे पूरी तरह बनने का मौका नहीं दिया। हम जला में रहे। जलो में रह कर हमारे नेता कैसे इस पार्टी का पूरी तरह से गठन कर सकते थे? जो हमारे नेता बाहर थे, उन्हें जितना अवसर मिला, उतना उन्होंने किया। आपने तो हमें मौका ही नहीं दिया कि जनता पार्टी का निर्माण कर सकें। चुनाव की घोषणा के बाद जितनी जल्दी हमको अवसर मिला, हम एक पार्टी के रूप में आपके सामने आए। चुनाव समाप्त होने के पश्चात्

हम आपके सामने सदन में आए। अब सदन वा अगला जो अधिवेशन होगा, उससे पहले हम एक हो कर आपके सामने आएँ। इस बात की हमारे महामंत्री ने घोषणा की है। अगले सदन की बैठक होने तक हम विधिवत् एक हो जाएंगे। आपके कारण ही प्रजातन्त्र का स्वस्थ विकास नहीं हो सका। इसके दोषी आप ही हैं। किस तरह से आप लोग ने पछे हम लोगों के खिलाफ आरोप लगाए लेकिन उन सब आरोपों के बावजूद आज हम एक हैं। आपने जो आरोप लगाए, उनका उत्तर मैं नहीं दूंगा, उनका उत्तर जनता ने आपको दे दिया है।

हमारे प्रधान मंत्री जी जो कि आज देश का नेतृत्व कर रहे हैं वे इस देश के अन्दर एमजेंसी के दौरान जो कुछ भी हुआ और बहुत सारी शिकायतें सामने आईं जिनकी चर्चा इस सदन में भी हुई, उन सब को देखेंगे। अभी कल रेलवे मंत्री जी ने घोषणा की कि जो कर्मचारी हड़ताल के अन्दर हटाए गए थे उन्हें वापस लिया जाएगा। लेकिन इनके अलावा बहुत से ऐसे कर्मचारी हैं जो कि एमजेंसी के दौरान गवर्नमट के विभिन्न डिपार्टमेंट्स से कमलसरेली रिटायर कर दिये गए। उनमें से बहुत ऐसे थे जिनकी सेवाएं पूरी नहीं हुई थीं। किसी का दस वर्ष का सेवा काल रह गया था किसी का पंद्रह वर्ष का सेवा काल रह गया था। इन कर्मचारियों को एमजेंसी के दौरान एन्टी गवर्नमट सीनिंग का पात्र लगा कर सेवाओं से हटा दिया गया। ऐसे हजारों कर्मचारी हैं जिनको सेवाओं से मुक्त किया गया। अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से अब करना चाहता हूँ कि इन कर्मचारियों के मामले पर भी सरकार विचार करे। जिन कर्मचारियों को कमलसरेली रिटायर किया गया है उनको बिना शर्त काम पर वापस लिया जाना चाहिए।

इस एमजेंसी के दौरान एक और भी वर्ग बहुत प्रभावित हुआ। वह वर्ग है किसान का।

इसके कारण हमारे देश के अन्दर जितना कृषि का उत्पादन होना चाहिए था उतना नहीं हुआ। मेरी ऐसी मान्यता है कि अगर यह वर्ग प्रभावित न हुआ होता तो हमारा कृषि का उत्पादन बहुत अधिक हुआ होता। मैं इस अभिभाषण में किसानों के लिए कोई बात नहीं देखता हूँ। अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि आने वाले बजट में इस वर्ग की समस्याओं का पूरा ध्यान रख कर किसानों के लिए कुछ व्यवस्था की जाए। यह कहा जा सकता है कि चूँकि कृषि विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों का विषय है इसलिए इसे हम डायरेक्टली डील नहीं कर सकते। मैं आपके ध्यान में यह लाना चाहता हूँ कि आज किसान बिजली के कनेक्शन बढ़ाने के लिए तैयार है क्योंकि उनको प्रोफिट नहीं हो रहा है। एमजेंसी के दौरान बिजली का रेट 13 पैसे से बढ़ा कर 30 पैसे कर दिये गये। उन पर 17 पैसे का भार डाला गया। यह सब एमजेंसी के दौरान हुआ और इस बारे में किसान कुछ नहीं बोल सका। हम कृषि को प्राथमिकता देनी है और कृषि का उत्पादन बढ़ाना है। इसके लिए हम किसानों की समस्याओं पर ध्यान देना होगा। एमजेंसी के दौरान किसानों पर जितना भार डाला गया है उसके बारे में हम सोचें कि किस प्रकार से हम विभिन्न प्रांतीय सरकारों से किसानों को रिलीफ देना सकते हैं। किस प्रकार से किसानों को उसकी उपज का पूरा भाग मिल सके यह आपको देखना चाहिये। एग्रिकल्चरल प्राइस कमिशन कीमतों के बारे में कुछ सिफारिशें हर साल करता है। पिछले साल में किसानों को 105 रुपये का रेट गेहूँ का मिला है और 136 रुपये में सरकार ने उसको बेचा है। इस में सरकार को कुछ फायदा नहीं होता है। विशेष तौर से एमजेंसी में खाद के दाम केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कुछ पड़ा दिए थे। लेकिन वेबन उसका काम नहीं चल सकता है। आप ए। किसानों को रिलीफ देना पड़ेगा। अगर आपने ऐसा किया तो जो लक्ष्य अगले वर्षों के अन्दर कृषि के उत्पादन के आप प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं वे

[श्री जगदीश प्रसाद मावुर]

लक्ष्य प्राप्त हो सकते हैं। नया बजट बनने वाला है। उस में यह एक जो मुख्य समस्या है इसकी ओर आपको ध्यान देना चाहिये और इसका कोई निदान ढूँढना चाहिये।

बेरोजगारी के बारे में अब मैं कुछ कहना चाहता हूँ। इस धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव के प्रस्तावक महोदय ने इस समस्या पर काफी प्रकाश डाला है। पिछली कांग्रेस सरकार ने एक नया तरीका निकाला था। उसने पिछले कुछ वर्षों से बेरोजगारों के आकड़े देना बन्द कर दिया था। शायद यह अपनी कमजोरी को छिपाने के लिए उसने किया था। मैं चाहता हूँ कि जो वस्तु स्थिति है उसको आप स्पष्ट कर। वह सरकार नेवल एम्प्लायमेंट एक्सचेंजिज में जो लोग अपने नाम लिखात थे उन्हीं के आकड़े देती है। लेकिन देश में बहुत से ऐसे लोग भी हैं शिक्षित और अशिक्षित जो नाम नहीं लिखात। गांवों में बहुत बड़ी सख्या में बेरोजगार लोग हैं। उनका कोई आकड़ा नहीं मिल रहा है। मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि जो वास्तविक चित्र है, वास्तविक स्थिति है चाहे वह पिछली सरकार की कमजोरी के कारण हो या किसी दूसरे कारण से वह सामने आनी चाहिये। जिस चीज को पिछली कांग्रेस सरकार ने देश से छिपाया है हमारी सरकार को—चाहिये कि वह उसको प्रकाश में लाए। यह पता लगना चाहिये कि हम को कितना बेंकनाप मिला है, कितने बेरोजगार लोग हैं जिन को हमने खपाना है, कितने बेरोजगारों के लिए रोजगार की व्यवस्था करनी है।

आप शिक्षा के सवाल को लें। हमेशा मांग की जाती रही है कि शिक्षा प्रणाली में आमूलबूल परिवर्तन होना चाहिये। नई सरकार से मध्य निवेदन है गांव के स्तर से यह परिवर्तन होना चाहिये और शिक्षा प्रणाली को जाव एरिएटिव बनाया जाना चाहिये, इस प्रकार की हमारी शिक्षा प्रणाली होना चाहिये जो सेल्फ एम्प्लायमेंट क अवसर प्रदान

करे। हर गांव का आदमी गृह की ओर भागता हुआ न चला आए। क्लर्क हमारी शिक्षा प्रणाली न बनाए। हम अग्रेजों को बुराई बिया करते थे कि वे क्लर्क ही शिक्षा प्रणाली से बनान का काम किया करते थे। हमारे कांग्रेस के नेताओं ने अग्रेजों की ही नकल की और उसी शिक्षा प्रणाली को देश में जारी रखा और सिवाय क्लर्क पैदा करने के और कुछ नहीं किया। यह शिक्षा प्रणाली जो केवल क्लर्क और चमचे पैदा करती है हम में आपको आमूलबूल परिवर्तन करने चाहिये। इस प्रकार की शिक्षा प्रणाली आप लागू करें ताकि लोगों को स्वयं रोजगार क अवसर मिल सके, गांवों में ही वे अवसर उनको उपलब्ध हो सकें, और गांवों में जो बेकारी व्याप्त है वह दूर हो सके और हमारी ग्रामीण अर्थ व्यवस्था सुधर सके।

जिस दिन हमारे नेताओं ने पद ग्रहण किया था, पद ग्रहण से पूर्व आपष ली थी उस दिन हम लाग गांधी जी की समाधि पर गए थे और वह जा कर हमने उनके सिद्धान्तों पर चलने की शपथ ली थी। गांधी जी विकेंद्रित अर्थ व्यवस्था के पक्षपाती थे। मैं चाहता हूँ कि विकेंद्रित अर्थ व्यवस्था के आधार पर हम गांवों के अन्दर रोजगार उपलब्ध कर सकें, इस प्रकार की शिक्षा प्रणाली हमारी होनी चाहिए। आप जो योजना को नया रूप देने जा रहे हैं मैं समझता हूँ कि उसकी यही आधार होना चाहिये। नया बजट भी आप बनाने वाले हैं। उस में मेरी आप से मांग है कि इस आधार पर आप शिक्षा नीति को पुन निर्धारित करें ताकि जो कुछ पिछले सालों में और पिछले दिनों में देश में हुआ है वह उस प्रकार से न हो सके।

हैगडे साहब न कुछ मामलों की जांच करवान की मांग की है। देश में जो वातावरण पिछले दिनों रहा है जिस प्रकार की व्यवस्था देश में पिछले दिनों में चली है उसको आपकी देखना पड़ेगा और उसका जोरिखा

है वह आपसो ठीक करना पड़ेगा । मैं हैगडे साहब की इस बात का विशेष तोर पर समर्थन करता हूँ कि जिन लोगों के विरुद्ध आरोपपत्र हैं जैसे हरियाणा के भूतपूर्व मुख्य मंत्री श्री बसी लाल उनकी जाच की व्यवस्था की जानी चाहिये । बेबल प्रधान मंत्री ने कोई चीज तक तय कर दी और कह दिया कि उनके खिलाफ जाच नहीं होनी चाहिये तो यह उचित नहीं है । इसी प्रकार क राजस्थान के मुख्य मंत्री ने खिलाफ भी आरोपपत्र है और पहले जो मुख्य मंत्री रह चुके हैं जिन का नाम मैं लेना नहीं चाहता हूँ क्योंकि सदन की परम्परा ऐसी है, उनके खिलाफ भी जो आरोपपत्र हैं, उनकी जाच की व्यवस्था होनी चाहिये । चाहे कोई किसी पद पर हो अगर उसके खिलाफ आरोप हैं तो उनकी जाच करवाई जानी चाहिये जो काठ देश में चर्चा के विषय है जिन की पिछले दिनों काफी चर्चा चली है जैसे मावति कांड उसकी भी जाच की विशेष व्यवस्था होनी चाहिये । जो दोषी हैं, जिन्होंने अपने पदों का दुरुपयोग किया है उन की जाच होनी चाहिये । चम्पाण साहब जो गृह मंत्री रह चुके हैं कभी उन्होंने कोई कपाशन बिठा दिया अपने विपक्षियों के खिलाफ वही काफी नहीं है । चम्पाण साहब स्वयं अब कहें कि आज अगर कहीं कोई शिकायत है किसी के खिलाफ तो जाच होनी चाहिये । कुछ बातों के बारे में तो जनता ने अपना फैसला दे दिया है और कुछ बातें और हैं जिन के बारे में हमें फैसला करना होगा । मेरी पार्टी का कोई हो या उनकी पार्टी का, किसी भी पार्टी का सदस्य हो अगर उसके खिलाफ शिकायत है तो उसकी जाच होनी चाहिये और देश की तथा इतिहास की हमें नए सिरे से चरना करनी चाहिये । तो इस मामले में हम सब को पहल करनी चाहिये और लोकायुक्त तथा लोकपाल का विधेयक गृह मंत्री जी सदन में ला कर पास करवायें ताकि लोगों द्वारा की जाने वाली शिकायतों

की जाच हो सके और देश के अन्दर कानून की व्यवस्था पुनः स्थापित हो । जनता पार्टी ने वचन दिया है कि हम देश में हल आप ला स्थापित करेंगे । इसलिये हम चाहते हैं कि उन आरोपों की जो जनता ने बड़े बड़े लोगों के विरुद्ध लगाये हैं निष्पक्ष जाच हो और इस बारे में एक स्थाई व्यवस्था देश में हो सके । इस से यह लाभ होगा कि किसी भी व्यक्ति के ऊपर किसी को उगली उठाने की जरूरत न होगी ।

इमरजेंसी के अन्दर देश में मधुर्य चला जिस में हम सब ने भाग लिया । मैं चाहता हूँ कि विदेशों में भी इस बारे में भारत-वासियों का जो रोल रहा है देश में जनतन्त्र पुनः स्थापित करने के लिये, चाहे वह भारत-वासी इंग्लैंड में हों, अमेरिका में हों या कनाडा में, उन सब का धन्यवाद दिया जाय । विदेशों में हमारे मंत्रियों से जब एमरजेंसी के बारे में सवाल पूछे जाते थे तो वह उन का जवाब नहीं दे सकते थे । प्रवासी भारतवासियों ने वहाँ पर सगठन बनाये और देश की सही स्थिति को लोगों को बताया । कांग्रेस सरकार उन लोगों को दण्डोद्दी कहती थी, यहाँ तक कि यह लोग तो जय-प्रकाश नारायण जो वो और मोरारजी को भी देशद्रोही कहते थे । मेरी मांग है कि विदेशों में जो प्रवासी भारतवासी हैं उन सबका एक सम्मेलन सरकार बुलाये और देश में प्रजातन्त्र की स्थापना के लिये जो कुछ भी कार्य किये हैं उस के लिये उन्हें धन्यवाद दिया जाय ।

जहाँ तक विदेश नीति का सम्बन्ध है गुट निरपेक्षता को हमारी पार्टी ने स्वीकार किया है । मिडिल ईस्ट का जहाँ तक मवाल है भारतवर्ष को इस के अन्दर एक प्रभावी रोल अदा करना है । भारत ने सदा इस बात को स्वीकार किया है कि किसी भी देश की जमीन पर दूसरे देश का अधिकार नहीं होना चाहिये । अगर किसी

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दूसरे देश का अधिकार है तो उस को उस कब्जे को खाली करना चाहिये । हमारी अपनी जमीन भी जो दूसरे देश के कब्जे में है खाली हानी चाहिये । अरबों की जो जमीन इजराइल ने दबा कर रखी है वह खाली होनी चाहिये । आज हमारा इजराइल से कोई सीधा सम्बन्ध नहीं है । अगर रूस इजराइल से सम्बन्ध रख सकता है तो हम भी इजराइल को मान्यता दें और फिर सीधे उस से विचार विमर्श कर क अरबों की जमीन खाली कराने के लिये प्रभाव डाल सकते हैं । तभी हम इफ्रेटिव रोल सारे मिडिल ईस्ट क अन्दर पले कर सकते हैं ।

अन्त में मैं विरोधी दल के नेता से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि जो सद्भावना का हाथ जनता पार्टी ने उन के प्रति बढ़ाया है उस को वह स्वीकार कर और हम सब मिल कर भारत में जो दूसरा गणतन्त्र हमन प्रारम्भ किया है उस में नई परम्परा स्थापित करने के लिये एक सही विरोधी दल के नेता के रूप में वह उभर आये । ऐसी हमारी कामना है ।

श्रीमती ग्रहिल्या पी० रागनेकर (बम्बई नार्थ सेक्टर) : अध्यक्ष महाशय, मैं माननीय श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण का भाषण बहुत गौर से सुना । उन्होंने मार्क्सिस्ट कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के बारे में बहुत कुछ बताया और सवाल भी पूछे । उन्होंने सवाल पूछा कि मार्क्सिस्ट कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी जनता पार्टी के साथ कैसे जा सकती है ? उन्होंने जनता पार्टी के बारे में भी सवाल पूछा कि यह प्रजीव जानवर कैसा है, और क्या वे मार्क्सिस्त्वम को भूल गये हैं ?

मैं नम्रता से श्री चव्हाण से पूछना चाहती हूँ कि आपने केवल 5 साल तक सी पी आई के साथ राग्य किया, तो क्या सी० पी० आई० ने अपना मार्क्सिस्त्वम

छोड़ दिया था ? अपने जमाने में आपने चुनाव के दौरान ए०आई० ए० डी० एम० के० के साथ एलायंस किया था, क्या उन्होंने अपना मार्क्सिस्त्वम छोड़ दिया था ? आपका उनके साथ एलायंस चल सकता है । बम्बई में आपने शिव सेना के साथ एलायंस किया । एक जगह कांग्रेस का प्लेट था और दूसरे बाजू में शिव सेना का प्लेट था । दोनों मिलकर बोटों के लिये दौड़ते थे । आपको दूसरों से सवाल पूछने की क्या जरूरत है ? इन्होंने अपने चुनाव में जो कुछ किया, उसे जनता जानती है वह जनता के सामने है । मैं जाना चाहती हूँ कि शिव सेना कौन से इक्नामिक इश्यू पर आपके साथ आई थी ? हमें यह सब मालूम है । इस चुनाव के बाद भी क्या आपको मालूम है कि जब बम्बई में जनता पार्टी के लोगों लोगों की मोटिंग हो गई, उसके बाद शिव सेना के लोगों ने स्टैंडिंग किया है ? 15 लोग आज भी अस्पताल में मौजूद हैं । अब जनता पार्टी और दूसरों में अलायंस हुआ है तो क्या बात है ? आप अलायंस कर सकते हैं, दूसरे नहीं ? इस पर आपको खुद विचार करना चाहिये, ऐसी मेरी विनती है ।

श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण : हमने एलायंस नहीं किया ।

श्रीमती ग्रहिल्या पी० रागनेकर : मैं जानना चाहती हूँ कि आपने क्या किया । ऐसा हो सकता है कि शिव सेना आपकी ही त्रियजन होगी, इसलिये आप आसानी से नहीं मानत हैं, बल्कि ही साथ लेकर चलना चाहते हैं ।

आपने ऐसा भी कहा है कि जनता ने जो बाट दिये हैं वह 42वें संविधान संशोधन के खिलाफ नहीं है । लेकिन मैं आपने कहा था चाहती हूँ कि इस चुनाव में हर जगह जनता ने इनके खिलाफ वोट दिया है ।

आप कहते हैं कि हम संसद् को सार्वभौम मानते हैं, लेकिन गये एक साल 7 महीने में यह संसद् कहा रही और इसकी सार्वभौमिकता कहा रही जब कि एमजेंसी का डिपोज़न लेते हुए कैबिनेट को भी नहीं पूछा गया ? कहा इसकी सार्वभौमिकता रही ? इतना ही नहीं, यहां लोक सभा की प्रोसीडिंग्स को पेपर्स में छापने के जो अधिकार थे, उनको भी छीन लिया गया । यह लोक सभा उस समय रबड़ स्टैम्प बन गई थी, उसकी कुछ भी सार्वभौमिकता नहीं रही थी । इसे जनता जानती थी, इसीलिये जनता ने इसके खिलाफ वोट दिया है । इसे आपको मानना चाहिये, अगर आप अभी भी नहीं मानते हैं तो आपकी जो डिफीट हुई है, उसको आप सचाई से नहीं मानते हैं, ऐसा समझना चाहिये । आप अभी तक हैबिटेशन कर रहे हैं । आप मानते हैं कि यह एमजेंसी के खिलाफ नैगेटिव वोट है, यह नैगेटिव वोट नहीं है ।

आपने देखा कि हमारी भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री जब सीलोन गई उन्होंने वहां पर कहा कि देश में सब बात ठीक है, एक भी पालियमेंट का मेम्बर जेल में नहीं है । उस समय हमारे 22 मेम्बर पालियामेंट जेल में थे । सर्वथी मधुलिमय, मधुदंडवते, अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी आदि 22 मेम्बर जेल में थे । दूसरे देश में जाकर वह एलान करती हैं कि हमारे देश में एक भी मेम्बर जेल में नहीं है ।

15.39 hrs.

[SHRI DHIRENDRANATHI BASU in the Chair]

SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN:
She has not made such a statement.

श्रीमती अहिल्या पी० रांगनेकर : यह पेपर में आया है, अगर आप चाहते हैं तो मैं बता सकती हूँ । और यह सब कहने की हिम्मत दुर्गाबाई भागवतू ने की और इसीलिये उनको जेल में जाना पड़ा ।

श्री वसंत साठे : उस वक्तव्य की कापी तो मिल सकती है । उस को लाइये और दिखा दीजिए ।

श्रीमती अहिल्या पी० रांगनेकर : श्री साठे महाराष्ट्र के रहने वाले हैं । क्या वह दुर्गाबाई भागवत को नहीं जानते हैं ? उस को हैरास क्यों किया गया ।

श्री वसंत साठे : मैं दुर्गाबाई भागवत की बात नहीं कर रहा हूँ । मैं ने वक्तव्य की कापी के बारे में कहा है ।

श्रीमती अहिल्या पी० रांगनेकर : हम जरूर कापी लायेंगे । यह कहने की तो जरूरत नहीं है कि एक्सेसिज हुई हैं और लोगों को हैरास किया गया है । अगर माता नहीं मिली, तो 7 साल की पोलियोप्रस्त लड़की को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया । क्या ये एक्सेसिज हैं ? यह तो जान-बूझ कर मताने की पालिसी है । मरे हुए आदमी के लिए वारंट ले कर जाने की भी घटना हुई है । 85 साल के व्यक्ति, पूर्णपात्री दुल्हा, को स्ट्रेंचर पर ले जाया गया था, लेकिन उन को एक्टिव बर्कर बताया गया था । जिस को चाहा, उसको गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया ।

वहा जाता है कि ये अफसरों की गलतियाँ थी । ये अफसरों की गलतियाँ नहीं थीं, बल्कि मिनिस्टर्स के आर्डर्स पर यह सब कुछ किया गया था, जो अपना बचाव करने के लिए ऐसी बातें कह रहे हैं । हमारे घेराव की वजह से बहुत से मुख्य मंत्रियों को सजा से भागना पड़ा था । अगर हम लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया जाय, तो हम समझ सकते हैं । लेकिन हमारे साथ एक कैमिलो प्लानिंग सेंटर की गर्म थी । उनका कोई गुनाह नहीं था । वहा के एक मरपच के साथ उस की कुछ बातचीत हो गई । इस लिए उस को भी जेल में डाल दिया गया । कहा गया कि यह भार० एम० एम० की कार्यकर्ता है, हालांकि भार० एम० एम० में भीतों को नहीं लेते हैं ।

[रोमनी ग्रहित्या पी० गगनेकर]

इनने अधिक लोगों की निरपत्तारी के बारे में पूरी जाच होनी चाहिए, और जो लोग इस के लिए जिम्मेदार हैं, उनका सजा दनी चाहिए। हम इन बातों को भूल नहीं सकते हैं। सातार के 3 साल के बच्चे, योगेश अरलेकर, और 5 महीने के बच्चे, जमीर अरलेकर, पर डिटेंशन ऑर्डर लगाये गये। इसी तरह नागपुर की दार्द साल की लड़की, प्राजलि, पर डिटेंशन ऑर्डर लगाया गया। कहा गया कि उन के बाहर रहने में इमर्जेन्सी के लिए खतरा है। ये मालूमी एक्सेसिड नहीं हैं, बल्कि यह सब कुछ एक मुनिमिचन पालिसी के अन्तर्गत किया गया है।

कांग्रेस पार्टी की तरफ से कहा गया है कि लोगों ने कास्टीट्यूशन के 42वें एडमेंट के विरुद्ध वोट नहीं दिया है। मैं कहना चाहूँ कि जब मजदूरों के प्रोसेशन और एम्बेली के हक छीन लिये गये, जनता के मौलिक अधिकार छीन लिये गये, तो क्या जनता की इस बारे में कोई राय नहीं है। जनता ने साफ़ तौर से कहा है कि इस एमेंटमेंट से हमारे मौलिक अधिकारों को छीन लिया गया है, इस लिए जिन लोगों ने यह एमेंटमेंट किया है, हम उन को वोट नहीं देंगे। आप देखें बम्बई में 6 की 6 सीटें प्रोपोजिशन का क्या मिली। वहाँ ता बकिंग क्लास बड़ी तादाद में है और 1971 में 6 की 6 सीटें कांग्रेस को ही मिली थीं। तो यह क्या हुआ? क्योंकि जनता ने यह मान लिया था कि हमारे हकों के लिए अगर लड़ना है, लोकसाही के हक के लिए लड़ना है तो इस टाइम विरोधी दल को वोट देना चाहिए।

यह भी आप कह रहे थे कि कांग्रेस को गाली देने के लिए हिन्दुस्तान के विकास के बारे में कुछ न बनें। हम कांग्रेस को गाली नहीं देना चाहते। कांग्रेस तो ऐसे ही मरी हुई है। मरे हुए का ज्यादा पीटना हम अच्छा नहीं समझते। लेकिन मैंने बहुत कुछ लोकसाही की भाषा यहाँ से सुनी। मुझे

एक बहावत याद आई कि बूढ़ से गई बूढ़ होद से नहीं आती लेकिन ये तो होद से गई है, उस को बूढ़ से लाने की कोशिश करते हैं। आप देखिये डेवलपमेंट के बारे में क्या हुआ है? आप कहते हैं कि कांग्रेस को गाली मत दो। लेकिन 20 साल में कितना कुछ करके रखा है, उसको अच्छी तरह से अच्छे रास्ते पर लाने के लिए बहुत कोशिश करनी पड़ेगी।

आप यह देखें कि गरीबी हटाने का नारा दिया था। उससे पहले नारा दिया था—नई रोजगारी सारी है। जब नई रोजगारी का नारा दिया था तभी आपको मालूम है कि हमारे महाराष्ट्र के देहात की जापड़ियों में पासलेट का दिया भी नहीं जल पा रहा था। पासलेट नहीं मिलता था। कीमतें बढ़ती जा रही थी। यह सब जो किया है उसको रास्ते पर लाने के लिए तो कोशिश करनी पड़ेगी। उसको रास्त पर लाने के लिए पहले क्या किया है उसको तो सामने लाना पड़ेगा। आप कहें हैं कि उसको सामने नहीं लाना चाहिए। हम कांग्रेस को गाली नहीं देते हैं। लेकिन जो कुछ किया है उसके बारे में तो सोचना चाहिए, उसको जनता के सामने, हाउस के सामने लाना चाहिए, कुछ सोचना चाहिए। अभी हमारे एक सदस्य ने कहा कि दरिद्रता की रेखा के नीचे 40 प्रतिशत से अधिक 70 प्रतिशत हैं।

टैक्सेशन के बारे में आप देखें। अभी जो इन्डायरेक्ट टैक्सेशन था उसमें 100 रुपये पर 85 रुपये टैक्स का देना पड़ता था। इसलिए कीमतें बढ़ गईं। चाय की कीमत बढ़ गई, गुरार की कीमत बढ़ गई और जितनी जरूरत की वस्तुएँ उन की कीमतें बढ़ गईं इसी इन्डायरेक्ट टैक्सेशन की वजह से। इस इन्डायरेक्ट टैक्सेशन के लिए जिम्मेदार कौन है? बीस साल से यह जो गड़बड़ चल रही थी वही इसके लिए जिम्मेदार है। अगर कीमतें नीचे लानी हैं तो हमको सोच विचार जरूर करना पड़ेगा।

आप कहते हैं कि बैंको का नेशनलाइजेशन किया। हम सब लोगों ने उसका स्वागत किया था। लेकिन नेशनलाइजेशन के बाद उसका फायदा किसने उठाया? उसका हिसाब आप देने वाले हैं या नहीं? आप देखिये कि नेशनलाइजेशन के बाद इन बैंको से कर्जा किसको मिला है? बड़े बड़े मत्तेदारों को, मोनापॉलिस्ट्स को। उन्होंने इसका फायदा उठाया। गरीब जनता को इससे फायदा नहीं हुआ है। गरीब जनता को इन बैंको से कर्जा नहीं मिला है नेशनलाइजेशन के बाद और जहाँ देहात में कर्जा मिला है वह कर्जा बमूल करने के लिए उनके घर का छाता भी निकाल लिया है, उनके पास अब कुछ भी नहीं है। तो यह नेशनलाइजेशन क्या है? इसका हमने स्वागत किया था लेकिन उसका हुआ क्या? वह भ्रमल में कैसे लाया गया? जो घोषणा करा है उसको भ्रमल में कैसे लाते हैं यह सवाल है? नेशनलाइजेशन इस तरह से भ्रमल में लाया गया जिससे बड़े बड़े मत्तेदारों को उसका फायदा हुआ। दो चार टैक्सिया और दो चार रिक्शे तो मिले हैं लेकिन ग्राम जनता को उससे फायदा नहीं हुआ। बड़े लोगों ने ज्यादा फायदा उसका उठाया।

आप यह देखिये कि एक साल सात महीने में क्या हुआ? आप कहते हैं कि इस पेरियड में एम्बेज नहीं हुए? कमिशन किसको दिए गए? एक साल सात महीने में आप देख लीजिए हिन्दुस्तान में कितने मल्टी नेशनलस आ गए हैं, कितनी नई नई फारेन कम्पनिया आई हैं? ये क्या कहा आती हैं? इसलिए कि हमारे यहाँ मजदूर लागू मस्त मिलन हैं। इसलिए उनका एक्सप्लायटेशन के लिए यह लोग आते हैं। इस की जिम्मेदारी किमके ऊपर है? यह चीज अगर बदली है या क्या इसमें दखल देने की जरूरत नहीं है? मोनापॉलिस्ट्स के नफे बढ़ गए। लेकिन आप न क्या किया? आपने बोनम का कानून रद्द कर दिया। कम्पनियों के डिपॉजिट स्क्रीन

ले आए। किन को फायदा हुआ? आप देखिए कि जनता के ऊपर एकोनामिकली, पोलिटिकली हर तरह से विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ा और इतना ही नहीं चौहान जी को मालूम है इसी टाइम में हरिजन के ऊपर क्या क्या अत्याचार हुए? हरिजनों के ऊपर अत्याचार बढ़ गए। गवर्नर बन्धु की तो मिसाल उनको मालूम है। जिन्होंने इतना अत्याचार किया उनको चार महीने की सजा होती है और वह भी माफ करने की गवर्नर की कोशिश होती है लेकिन जो पोलिटिकल डेन्टेन्यूज थे उनको एक साल सात महीने तक जेल के अन्दर रखा गया। मानवत हत्याकांड में खमिणी देवी और उत्तम राव वारहात केवल तीन दिन मीसा के अन्दर बन्द थे। उन के लिए तीन दिन का मीसा काफी था जिन्होंने सात सात आठ आठ बन्त किए। उनके लिए केवल तीन दिन का मीसा और जिन्होंने कुछ किया नहीं, जो आपके पोलिटिकल अप्रॉपेरेट्स थे उन को एक साल सात महीने बन्द रखा। जब यह मीसा हाउस में लाए थे तो हाउस को एम्प्योरेश दिया था कि मीसा का उपयोग पोलिटिकल अप्रॉपेरेट्स के खिलाफ नहीं किया जायगा। ऐन्टी सोशल एलिमेन्ट के खिलाफ उसका उपयोग किया जायगा लेकिन गवर्नर सात में उसका उपयोग ऐन्टी सोशल एलिमेन्ट के खिलाफ नहीं किया गया। महाराष्ट्र में जेलों के अन्दर ऐन्टी सोशल एलिमेन्ट केवल एक हप्ता थे जब कि पोलिटिकल डेन्टेन्यूज 2200 थे। जा एम्प्योरेश आपने इस प्लोर पर दिया था उसको भी आप भ्रमल में नहीं लाए। क्या आप इस बात पर सोच विचार नहीं करेंगे? अगर आप डिफीट मानते हैं तो इस पर भी आपको सोच विचार करना चाहिए और एक्जम्पल बनना चाहिए कि यह बात हम स हई है और इस बात को बदलना चाहिए। मीसा के बार में केवल सोचन में या रिज्यू करने में कुछ नहीं होगा, इसको रिप्रीज करना चाहिए, वापिस लाना चाहिए। इस तरह के कानून जो गैर-कानूनी तरीके से इस देश में लाया का

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डिटेन करते हैं उनको नहीं रहना चाहिए क्योंकि उसका कारण विलिंग पार्टी का हाथ में अपने पोलिटिकल अपोन्डस को बंद करने का अधिकार रहता है। मुझे मान्य है, बन्हाण साहब को भी मान्य होगा कि ब्रिटिश गवर्नमेंट ने जमाने में हम जेल में थे, नहरू गवर्नमेंट के जमाने में भी जेल में थे लेकिन हम बोटों में रिवियस कार्पस के लिए जान का अधिकार था लेकिन अभी हमारा वह अधिकार भी छीन लिया गया था। किसी को भी कोई अधिकार नहीं था रिवियस कार्पस करने का या बोट में जाने का। ऐसी बात तो इस देश में कभी भी नहीं हुई थी। इसका बारे में भी आपको सोचना होगा। आप लोकशाही के अधिकार छन लेंगे तो क्या आप समझते हैं कि उसका बारे में जनता सोचती नहीं है। जनता ने इसको सोचा है। अगर आप समझते हैं कि आगे आने वाले दिनों में आप फिर आने वाले हैं तो आप साब समझ लीजिए कि अगर इसी तरह से आप राज करेगे तो कभी भी नहीं आ पायेंगे।

जनता पार्टी का जो सदस्य यहाँ पर चुनकर आया है, मैं ऐसा मानती हूँ कि उन पर बहुत बड़ी जिम्मेदारी आई है। उनको इस बात को अपने ध्यान में रखना चाहिए कि लोकशाही को कबल ला देना से कुछ नहीं होता, आगे आने वाले दिनों में लोकशाही की रक्षा करने की जिम्मेदारी भी लेनी चाहिए।

इस सम्बन्ध में कुछ बातें जाँचिए इसमें नहीं हैं वह मैं यहाँ पर बताना चाहती हूँ। दो तीन ऐसे अधिकार हैं जो कि कास्टीट्यूशन में आने चाहिए। पहली बात तो यह है कि जो कास्टीट्यूशन एम-ड किया गया है उसके स्थान पर फिर से पुराना कास्टीट्यूशन आना चाहिए। दो तीन और अधिकार हैं जिनको कास्टीट्यूशन में रखना चाहिए। एक अधिकार है राइट टु बक, नाम का अधिकार जो कि जनता पार्टी ने अपने मैनिफेस्टो में रखा है। इसका समावेश कास्टीट्यूशन में होना चाहिए। दूसरा अधिकार है राइट टु

रिकाल, यानी वापिस बुलान का अधिकार। आपको मालूम है इस देश में आचाराम गयाराम बहुत हो गए हैं। इस बात का खिलाफ कानून बनाने की कोशिश करें। राइट टु रिकाल का अधिकार कास्टीट्यूशन में होना चाहिए। जो सदस्य चुन कर आता है, वह जिस पर्यंत और जिस कारण से चुन कर आता है उसको अगर वह पूरा नहीं करता है तो जो लोग उसको चुन कर भेजते हैं उन्हें उस सदस्य को वापिस बुलाने का अधिकार भी होना चाहिए। लोकशाही में यह अधिकार होना चाहिए और कास्टीट्यूशन में इसको रखना चाहिए। इसी प्रकार से आप लोकशाही की रक्षा कर सकेंगे। तीसरे प्रपोज़िशन रिप्रेजेंटेशन का अधिकार भी कास्टीट्यूशन में होना चाहिए। ऐसा करने से ही आगे आने वाले दिनों में लोकशाही की रक्षा हो सकेगी और लोकशाही और भी मजबूत होगी—यह बात मैं कहना चाहती हूँ।

अब आप प्राथिक समस्याओं की ओर देखिए—कीमतेँ बढ़ रही हैं—इस बारे में अवश्य कुछ कायदाही होनी चाहिये। मजदूरी का वानस का मामला है—उसको रेस्टोर किया जाना चाहिए। मिनिमम लिविंग-वेज तो मिलना ही चाहिए—इसके बारे में जो भी प्रस्ताव आप कर सकते हैं, जल्द से जल्द होना चाहिये। गरीबी और दरिद्रता हटाने की बात भी बहुत जरूरी है—जबकि जो चीज आप फौरन कर सकते हैं उसको करने की कोशिश होनी चाहिये।

लोकशाही की रक्षा के लिए हमारे प्रेसिडेंट महोदय ने कहा है कि इस चुनाव के बाद एक नया दृश्य हम देखते हैं, एक नई लोकशाही का प्रायः अभ्युदय हुआ है, जो दो पार्टियों की लोकशाही है। लेकिन मैं यह भी ऐशान करना चाहती हूँ कि यहाँ पर कुछ दूसरी पार्टियाँ भी हैं, जिनका मजदूरों में समाज के प्रति जागृति पैदा की है देश की जनता का इन समाजवाद के प्रति जागृत किया है। इन पार्टियों का सहकार भी सरकार चलाने में, काम-काज चलाने में लाना चाहिये और वह आपको पता

पड़ेगा। इन पार्टियों को अलग रखने से, उनको उचित मान न देने से बारोबार ठीक से नतीजा चनेगा, क्योंकि वे भी जनता की रिप्रेजेंटेटिव हैं, जनता का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाली हैं। इसलिये मेरा कहना है कि इस बारे में भी ध्यान रखा जाना चाहिये।

अब मैं कुछ थोड़ा सा कांग्रेस ट्रेनिंग को कहना चाहती हूँ आप को यह ध्यान में रखना चाहिये कि इस बार जनता ने कांग्रेस को डिफिट दिया है। यह डिफिट आप को वोटों के द्वारा दी है लेकिन जनता का सतप आप ने अभी तक नहीं देखा है। सचमुच जनता में आप के प्रति बहुत गुस्सा था। कोई भी ऐसा नहीं समझता था कि जनता इस तरह से अपने गुस्से को प्रदर्शित करेगी। इस से कांग्रेस वाला को शिक्षा लेनी चाहिये। यशवत राव जो ने इस बात को मान लिया है इस लिये जब आप इस बात को मानते हैं तो आप का फज है कि दूसरों की बातों को धैर्य के साथ सुनें, क्योंकि इस चुनाव के बाद अब बहुत लोगो की की जुवान खुल गई है, इस से पहले अगर कोई कुछ कहने की हिम्मत करता था तो आप उस की जुवान जरूर पीचने वाले थे। कुछ लोग कहते हैं— अगर बाबू जगजीवन राम पहले कुछ बोलते तो हमारे साथ जेल में जरूर आते। आप का मालूम है प्रेस पर पादो लगी हुई थी, जनता को कुछ भी पता नहीं चलता था कि आप न किस किस को बन्द किया है। हम लोग जब पढ़े गये तो प्रेस में कुछ नहीं आया, लेकिन छूटन के बाद प्रेस में आया कि इन सब लाला को छोड़ा गया है। तो यह जो प्रेस की पाबन्दी थी, पिछले 30 मान में हिंदुस्तान में ऐसा अभी नहीं हुआ। मुझे यही कहना है कि जिस तरह से प्रेस बाबून सरकार ने बापस लिया है दूरी

तरह से मौसा का बानून भी जल्द में जल्द वापस लेना चाहिये।

आप न यहां पर एक बहुत अच्छी बात बही है कि रेडिया दूरदर्शन आदि के लिये आप कुछ इण्डोपेन्डेंट व्यवस्था करने जा रहे हैं। पिछले दिना में इस मास मोडिया का उपयोग केवल एक पक्ष के लिये, केवल एक व्यक्ति के लिये होना रहा है।

आखिर में मुझे यही निवेदन करना है यहां पर इनको सदस्या ने जिन व्यक्तियों के प्रति अत्याचार किये गये हैं उन की जाच की मांग की है उस में उन की पार्टी का कितना हिस्सा था, मुझे मालूम नहीं है, लेकिन जिन व्यक्तियों के लिये विरोध रूप से मांग की गई है, जैसे मारुति कार का मामला है, इन की अवश्य जाच की जानी चाहिये। लेकिन एक बात बहुत जरूरी है—बहुत से मामला में अधिकारियों का उतना दोष नहीं था, ऊपर से घाबर दिया गया था, इस लिये उन्होंने बैसा वाम किया, इस लिये मेरा कहना है कि ऊपर तक जाच कर के, तब उनके खिलाफ कार्यवाही की जाये।

16 hrs

श्री सुशील कुमार भारा (तामलुक) - सभापति महोदय, मैं आप की धन्यवाद देना हूँ कि मुझे इस पवित्र सदन में कुछ बोलने का मौका आप ने दिया है। मैं एक नया मेम्बर हूँ और मुझे हिंदी में बोलने की भाव नहीं है लेकिन मैं हिन्दी में बोलना ठीक समझता हूँ। पहले मैं ने यह तय किया था कि मैं बगला में बानूया और इस के लिये अर्धधर्म महोदय की इजाजत भी ली थी लेकिन बाद में मैं तय कर लिया कि मैं दूरी पूरी हिन्दी में ही बानूया। मुझे आता है कि अगर बोलने में कोई भूल हो जाय, तो उस भाव क्षमा करे।

[श्री सुशील कुमार धार]

राष्ट्रपति जी के अभिभाषण में बहुत अच्छी अच्छी बातें हैं और उस का मैं स्वागत करता हूँ। इस में पहले यह दिया दिया हुआ है।

"The people have given a clear verdict in favour of individual freedom, democracy and the rule of law and against executive arbitrariness, the emergence of a personality cult and extra-constitutional centres of power"

यह अच्छी बात है। इस के बाद इस में यह कहा गया है -

"My Government pledges itself to fulfil in every way the mandate given to it by the people. In doing so, it will not take the people for granted or assume that they know nothing and that the Government alone knows all answers and solutions."

आज जो लोग विरोधी पक्ष में हैं वे समझते थे कि ग्राम जनता जो है वह कुछ समझती नहीं लेकिन आज उन की राय के जरिये से उन को मालूम हो गया होगा कि उनकी क्षमता क्या है। वे समझते हैं या नहीं? मैं यह कहूँगा कि वे सब कुछ समझत हैं। जब हम इलेक्शन के नाते अपनी कास्टी टुयेन्सी में या दूसरी कास्टी टुयेन्सी में जाते थे तो वे कहते थे कि 30 साल तक हम धाखे में रखा है और अब हम जनता पार्टी को बोट देंगे और दखेंगे कि पांच साल में क्या हाता है। वे कहते थे कि जो गुनाह पहले हुआ चुके हैं उस से ज्यादा गुनाह पांच साल में क्या हावे। जो कुछ हाता था वह ठी हो चुका है और हम लोग को जितनी सपरिभाष्य हानी थी, वे हो गई हैं। अब और पांच साल में उस से ज्यादा सपरिभाष्य क्या बढ़ेगी। इसलिये उन्होंने कहा कि इस बार हम जनता पार्टी का बोट देंगे। जत्ती साहब ने स्वीकार किया है कि यह जनता का

राय है और उन्होंने अपने अभिभाषण में यह भी कहा कि जनता पर तानाशाही जारी हुई थी। जनता के ऊपर और देश के ऊपर जो अत्याचार हुआ उस की पूरी पूरी स्वीकृति इस अभिभाषण में दी गई है। जिस समय जत्ती साहब भाषण दे रहे थे उस समय एक तस्वीर हमारे मन आई और वह तस्वीर कंद में बैठ कर हम ने देखी थी जोकि स्टेट्समैन पत्रिका में निकली थी। जब प्रधानमंत्री श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी विदेशों का सफर कर के लौटी थी, तो पालम हवाई अड्डे पर जब वे उतरीं तो जत्ती साहब उन का स्वागत करने के लिये गये थे। जरूर जाएंगे। क्या नहीं जाएंगे? लेकिन जत्ती साहब की जो तस्वीर स्टेट्समैन में निकली, उस को देखकर अफसोस हुआ। जत्ती साहब अपने हाथ जाड़ कर और सिर को जमीन के बहुत नजदीक ले कर उन को नमस्कार कर रहे थे। उस तस्वीर को देखकर मन में बहुत दुख हुआ था। बड़ा दुख हुआ था कि जो सज्जन हमारे देश के सब से ऊंचे पद पर बैठे हैं वे हमारी तानाशाही प्रधानमंत्री के सामने अपनी गदन झुका लेते हैं। अरे जत्ती साहब ही यह नहीं करते थे उनके साथ साथ चत्ताण साहब जो कि अभी बैठे नहीं हैं वे और बहुत सारे बड़े बड़े आदमी, बड़े बड़े नेता लोग भी तानाशाह श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी के सामने अपना सिर झुकाते थे। यह अफसोस की बात है। अब जब हम उनके इस भाषण को देखते हैं तो ऐसा लगता है कि जत्ती साहब अपने मन से ऐसा भाषण दिया है। यह उनके हृदय से निकली आवाज है, उनकी अनुभूति से आई बात है और उन्होंने अपने हृदय से ये सारी बातें हमारे सामने रखी हैं। वे जानते थे कि लोकतन्त्र बना गया और श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी की तानाशाही जारी हो गई। उसमें श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी ने जो काम किया वह हिन्दुस्तान के लिये निन्दा की बात थी। आज जब हम

उनके भाषण को देखते हैं तो वह बात मालूम हो जाती है। वे कहते हैं—

"The traumatic experience of the last two years during which many atrocities were committed on the people and they had to undergo untold sufferings and some have even died, has brought home the relevance of this"

यह कडीशन उस समय थी। विरोधी पक्ष के जो लोग हैं वे सब इस बात को मान लें और हम उनसे नम्रतापूर्वक बोलते हैं कि वे इसके विरोध में एक बात भी न बोलें।

जती साहब उस समय भी थे आज भी उसी जगह पर हैं। लेकिन हमारे नेता लोग जो पहले इधर बैठते थे वे अब उधर चले गये हैं। आपकी कुछ उपलब्धिया है यह हम मान लेते हैं। लेकिन लोकनायक जयप्रकाश नारायण ने आपसे यही तो कहा था कि आप अपना मुधार कर। यह तो आपने किया नहीं और जयप्रकाश जी को गिरफ्तार कर लिया। जब लोकनायक गिरफ्तार हुए तो उन्होंने कहा कि विनाश होने विपरीत बुद्धि जो कि ठीक साबित हुआ। आज श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी का विनाश हो गया, उनकी पार्टी का विनाश हो चुका है, जितनी तानाशाही हमारे हिन्दुस्तान के ऊपर बल छा गयी थी उसका विनाश हो गया है। जनता की राय से यह सब हुआ। यह सब बातें लाख नामक टीका बोले। अभी त्रिपुरा का प्रतिमंडल खत्म हुआ। श्री बरमा जी ने श्री बसोलान, श्री प्रेम मेहता और नारायणदत्त तिशरी को पारित कर दिया पर ए० आर्० सी० सी० म नोज-वाना के दम का क्या हुआ यह सब वे मानते हैं। इसका अनावा भी गांधीने जी कतिसे मुनीम कोर्ट की बार एमानिमेंशन ने एक प्रस्ताव किया। अभी हमारे सामने एक

सूचना आई कि अनाज का भाव गिर गया तेल का भाव गिर गया।

इसके प्रतिरिक्त विरोधी पक्ष के जो नेता लोग हैं वे बिनमता पूवक हमारी जनता की राय को मान लें और मान कर अपने आने वाले दिनों के लिये अपने को तैयार करें।

एमरजेंसी जब लागू थी उस समय श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी और उनके सहयोगी कितनी झूठी बात सारे हिन्दुस्तान की ओर दुनिया को बताते थे इसका एक उदाहरण मैं आपको देना चाहता हूँ। वे कहा करते थे कि कोई पोलिटिकल परसन कैद में नहीं रखा गया है जबकि वास्तविकता यह थी कि हजारों लोगों को कैदखानों में डाल दिया गया था। यह कहा करते थे कि पोलिटिकल कारणों से किसी को कैद नहीं किया गया है। हर बार यही कहा करते थे कि एटी सोशल एलीमन्ट्स का और इकोनोमिक आक्रांति को ही कैद किया गया है। हम सब लोग जो बंद हुए थे इकोनोमिक आक्रांति थे या एटी सासल एलीमन्ट्स थे? तब य लोग कहते थे कि हम लोग पोलिटिकल नहीं हैं। हम कैद में थे लेकिन पोलिटिकल परसन नहीं थे। मैं आपकी जानकारी के लिये बताना चाहता हूँ कि लाखों आदमी अब भी बंद में हैं। उन में बेचारा रिक्शा वाला है, डेले वाला है, बोडी वाला है। लाखों लोग को बिना कारण कैद में डाल रखा है। उनकी क्या परिस्थिति होगी? मैं अपनी सरकार से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि उनका भी कुछ बन्धनोस्त होना चाहिये। उनकी फीमिलीज खत्म हान वाली? और नई ता खत्म हो भी चुकी है। एक पैसा भी उधार नहीं दिया गया है। हम जब बंद में थे तो उन में हमारी बातचीत हुई थी। वे बेचारे रोने लगते थे। कितने ही आदमी इस तरह से हैं मारे हिन्दु म्यान में। उनके घर में इस भाषण में कुछ नहीं दया जा कारण मर मन में दुःख हुआ।

[श्री सुजील कुमार धारा]

अब मैं प्रेस के बारे में कुछ निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ। हमेशा यही कहा जाता था कि प्रेस संसरण नहीं है उस तरह की कोई चीज नहीं है। मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि अभी कुछ दिन पहले तक प्रेस पर संसरण था कुछ न कुछ। आज हमारे नई मंत्री सभा ने उसको समाप्त किया है और अब वह पूरी तरह से हट गया है। इन लोगों ने दण्ड का धोखा दिया है, बहुत मतवा दिया है, कई प्रकार से दिया है इसको अभी भुलाया नहीं जा सकता है।

आर्थिक परिस्थिति और अनाज उत्पादन आदि के बारे में हमेशा झूठ बोलना इनकी आदत हो गई थी। अनाज के उत्पादन के बारे में कोई कहता था कि दस करोड़ टन हुआ है, कोई ग्यारह करोड़ टन और कोई बारह करोड़ टन कहता था। योम मेहता साहब कुछ कहते थे, छाब मंत्री कुछ और श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी एक तीसरी बात। एक बात नहीं कही जाती थी, कोई निशाना या लक्ष्य नहीं था। कितना अनाज का हमारा उत्पादन हुआ यह कोई ठीक से नहीं बताता था। और जब हम कागज पत्र देखते हैं तो हम पाते हैं कि 1977 एक खतरे का साल है। इस साल अनाज कम पैदा होगा। इसका दोष शायद ये लोग नई सरकार पर थोपना चाहते हैं। लेकिन इसका वास्तविक दोष इन पर है। इनके गुनाहा के कारण अनाज कम पैदा होगा। इसके बारे में भी हमारे जत्ती साहब ने अपने भाषण में कुछ नहीं कहा है, कुछ निशान हम इस में दिखाई नहीं दिया है और इसके वास्ते भी हमारे मन में बहुत दुःख है।

भाषण के पहले और चौथे पन्ने पर बहुत अच्छी बातें दी गई हैं। मैं उनका स्वागत करता हूँ। हमारे देश में पांच करोड़ नौजवान आज बेकार हैं। अब से और क्या बेकारी शुरू हुई। भाष ने बेकारी दूर करने के लिये क्या ब्यापस्त किया था? कोई योजना इस

बारे में बनाई? पांचवी योजना में बेकारी दूर करने के लिये जो योजना कांग्रेस सरकार ने बनाई थी उस के बारे में प्लानिंग कमिशन के एक मेम्बर श्री भामात्य सेन ने कहा कि इस को बड़ी धूर्तता के साथ चलाया। ग्रनएम-प्लानेट प्रोब्लम के बारे में क्या करेंगे, कुछ नहीं कहा। इसीलिये वर्तमान सरकार ने पांचवी योजना को रिव्यू करने का निश्चय किया है। इसकी मुझ पक्षी है।

हमारे पश्चिम बंगाल में खेती होती है। 80 प्रतिशत लागू खेती पर डिपेंड करते हैं। उन की आर्थिक परिस्थिति को बदलने के लिये खेती पर पूरा जोर देना चाहिये। खेती के बारे में जो कुछ सरकार करने जा रही है उस से हम सहमत हैं। हमारे यहाँ सिंचाई की व्यवस्था ठीक नहीं है। सारे देश में 13 करोड़ हेक्टेयर पर खेती है लेकिन सिंचाई का पानी मिलता है 3 करोड़ हेक्टेयर को। 10 प्रतिशत जमीन इरीगेटेड है। पानी हमारे देश में बहुत है, लेकिन उस का उपयोग सिंचाई के लिये ठीक से नहीं होता है।

इसी तरह से डीसेलाइनेशन के बारे में भी कोई योजना होनी चाहिये। बहुत सारी जमीन इस प्रकार उपज के लिये निवल सकती है। खेती के बारे में जहाँ अभिभाषण के चौथे पन्ने पर एग्री इंडस्ट्री आदि के बारे में कहा गया है वहाँ मैं चाहूँगा कि डीसेलाइनेशन के बारे में भी कुछ व्यवस्था होनी चाहिये।

सविधान का हमने क्या हाल किया है इसमें ज़रूरी घापित होने के बाद? काफी चेन्बड इस दौरान किये गये हैं। और 26 साल में हम ने सविधान में 44 बार संशोधन किये। हमारा देश गणतान्त्रिक है, अमरीका भी है, लेकिन अमरीका में 200 साल में 23 मतवा संशोधन हुआ, जब कि हमारे यहाँ 26 साल में 42 या 44 मतवा संशोधन हो चुका है। यह क्यों हुआ? यह इन्दिरा गांधी जी की अपनी गुविधा के लिये, फैमिली के बच्चे में

सारे हिन्दुस्तान को रखने के लिये हुआ और कुछ नहीं हुआ ।

हमारे मन में आज यह सतोप है कि रायचरेलो की जनता ने और सारे हिन्दुस्तान की जनता ने उनका ठुकरा दिया है और लाखों लाखों देश के नौजवान उनको छोड़कर जनता के साथ आ गये हैं । हम नहीं जानते कि वह अब क्या करेगी ? हमारे हिन्दुस्तान में रहेंगी या नहीं रहेगी, या भागने की कोशिश करेगी ? यह हमारी जानकारी में नहीं है । यह आनन्द की बात होगी अगर उनको भागने नहीं देने, बहुत सारी ऐसी चीजें निकलेगी जो कि हमारे कास्टीट्यूशन को सुधारने के नाम पर उन्होंने गुनाह किये हैं । हमारे संविधान के रचयिता श्री हरि विष्णु कामत ने वाला

It is neither mending nor amending but ending the constitution

उस कास्टीट्यूशन को हमें फिर बचाना है और ठीक जगह पर रखना है । जो कुछ धीमती गांधी ने अपनी सुविधा के लिये, अपने इलैक्शन की कर्पण को बचाने के लिये किया था, उसका पूरा पूरा इलाज किया जाना चाहिये ।

हमारे देश में उपज बढ़ाएँ के लिये खाद की बहुत जरूरत है । स्वतंत्रता के बाद 30 सालों में हमारी खाद का कितना टारगेट हुआ । सलवाना में हम ज्यादा से ज्यादा खाद पैदा करते हैं । 18 लाख 95 हजार मीट्रिक टन खाद हम तैयार करते हैं । इसमें नाइट्रोजन भी शामिल है । हमको जो खाद मिलती है तो एक हेक्टर की जो सिंचाई वाली जमीन है उसके लिये हमको 50 के० जी० से ज्यादा खाद नहीं मिलती है । जिस को खेती करने का अनुभव है, उनकी समझ में यह आ जायगा कि यह खाद काफी नहीं होती है । सिंचाई के बालावा जो जमीन है उसके लिये तो यह खाद बहुत ही कम है । इसका पूरा बन्दोबस्त होना चाहिये ।

हलदिया हमारी कास्टीट्यून्सी के बीच में है । वहाँ पर फर्टिनाइजर प्लांट बनने की बात आगे से चल रही है । पता लगा था कि उसका बहा पर कमीशन होने की बात 1972 में थी, लेकिन आज घोषित हुआ कि 1977 में उसका कमीशन होगा । हम इलैक्शन के दौरान कई बार वहाँ पर गये, लोगों से बात-चीत की और वहाँ जितने एम्पलाईज हैं, उनसे बातचीत की । वे बोलते थे कि 7, 8, 10 साल तक यह कमीशन नहीं होने वाला है । कब हो ? पता नहीं ।

जब वह फर्टिलाइजर फैक्टरी प्रोडक्शन देगी, तो कितना देगी । अगर प्रोडक्शन होगा तो उसकी क्षमता 3 लाख 23 हजार मीट्रिक टन होगी । इस बारे में चीन के प्रेजिडेंट माउत्सिंग ने एक महत्वपूर्ण बात कही थी—

The pig is the mobile fertilizer factory

वह मोबाइल फर्टिलाइजर फैक्टरी के नाम पर बोलते थे । और हम बोलना चाहते हैं कि—

The cow should be taken as the mobile fertilizer factory in India.

भारत में गाय को हम जरूर मोबाइल फर्टिलाइजर फैक्टरी समझते रहे हैं । हमें यह समझना चाहिये कि इसके बारे में हमें कुछ बन्दोबस्त करना है, नहीं तो फर्टिलाइजर हमें कभी भी उपज के लिये नहीं मिलेगा । हमारा कहना है कि हमारी सरकार इसका इन्तजाम करे । अगर हमारे जत्ती साहब के अभिभाषण में इसका कोई जिक्र मिलता तो हमारे मन में बहुत आनन्द होता ।

हमारे देश में छ लाख से ज्यादा गाव हैं और तीन हजार टाउन हैं । इन गावों की आर्थिक स्थिति में सुधार होने पर ही हिन्दुस्तान की साठ करोड़ जनता की आर्थिक उन्नति हो सकती है । इस लिए मैं गांधीजी की इस शिक्षा को याद कर के अपना भाषण समाप्त करता हूँ कि हमें अपने देश के गावों की तरफ ध्यान

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देना चाहिए—उन की उन्नति से ही हिन्दुस्तान की उन्नति होगी।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण पर रखे गये धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव का समयन करता हूँ।

SHRI J RAMESHWARA RAO (Mahabubnagar) Mr Chairman, Sir, may I congratulate the Prime Minister and his colleagues on their assumption of office? We have witnessed a great change in the political scene in India. The elections that have just been held have been remarkable. People all over the world appear to have been in a sense emotionally involved in our election experience and have been deeply affected by the whole process, the results and the consequences. The electoral process which we have gone through should convince anyone, including Mr Hegde if convincing is still necessary, about the deep and abiding commitment of the people of India and the Indian National Congress to democratic values and democratic processes.

In the last few days, many have accused our party of being undemocratic and inclined to authoritarianism. They have even objected to some of us saying that Indiraji should be complimented on accepting the verdict of the people with humanity and grace and helping in the smooth transition from Congress Party rule to Janata Party rule. Surely, Mr Chairman if we were not committed to democracy, democratic values and democratic processes, the Janata Party would not be sitting on the Government benches today.

I suppose these facts will come to be appreciated in time and in their correct perspective when the sound and fury of the elections subside and the dust of controversy settles.

Though I have had two very brief and insignificant spells on the opposition benches, this is really the first time that I am functioning as a

member of the Opposition. I had thought that I could make the transition from the Government benches to the Opposition benches with ease, but as I stand up to speak, I do feel slightly embarrassed.

Who are the hon. Members sitting on the Government Benches? Elders, teachers, colleagues, friends, comrades-in-arms, and I recall shared ideals, joint effort and endeavour of over 35 years in the cause of a common objective of achieving freedom and strengthening democracy. Looking back, one finds there has been really so little that we basically disagreed upon and yet today face each other with, I hope, what can really be only different approaches to the common goal, that is the welfare of the million of people of this ancient land. The removal of hunger, of poverty, of want, of disease and the creation of opportunities for a better and fuller life for everyone. This has to be achieved without individual pettiness, selfishness, greed or self-aggrandisement.

The President's Address refers to the verdict of the people and the need for consequential action. We accept the verdict of the people in all humility.

We shall not only function as a responsible and constructive Opposition but, I hope, as an effective Opposition. We shall also extend all our help in the implementation of the real verdict of the people. We wish the new government well. The country's requirements do not change with a change in government. The need of the hour is a just, and stable government which can bring about rapid socio-economic growth. We shall, of course, do nothing that may lead to destabilisation and I hope, Mr Chairman, my friends, Opposition will not object, if I were to say I hope that the new government and the party power will not act in their euphoria of victory in a manner

which may lead to de-stabilisation as that would only delay progress and the implementation of our programmes of economic development

With a person like Shri Morarjibhai as the Prime Minister the new government cannot but create confidence in the people of this country. Why only Morarjibhai? Everyone in the new government is a person of ability and distinction. With such a galaxy of talent we shall all feel confident and yet one can commit mistakes. Our party made mistakes. There is no shame in accepting that we did make mistakes. If we had not made mistakes we will not be sitting in the Opposition today.

The new government and the new party can also make mistakes. It will be our duty and endeavour to point out these mistakes and suggest correctives. We shall naturally feel free within the rules of constitutional propriety to draw the attention to the lapses and shortcomings of the functioning of the new government. When we find that policies are being initiated which in our opinion are not conducive to the welfare of the people or for achieving the common objective that we have all put before ourselves that is, of a better life for the million of our countrymen then we shall disagree with the policies, that the new government wishes to embark upon and will put before this Parliament and the people—alternative policies which we may consider more suitable for the achievement of the common objective.

Yesterday my colleagues Sarvashri Shyamnandan Mishra and Purushottam Mavalankar found fault with one of our colleagues for referring to the voting pattern in the recent elections. I am sorry both Shyambabu and Purushottam are not here. I would like to assure both of them and our other friends, Opposite that there never was any intention to create regional differences. We are all Indians first and Indians last and the

region from which we come from is not important. What one of my colleagues was trying to point out was—and if they only had the patience to listen—they would have understood him.

What one of my colleagues was trying to point out was that while the majority of the people have given their verdicts against us the voting pattern did reveal a certain peculiarity. We find it difficult to believe that this was an accident. There must have been political, sociological or economic reasons for this kind of a voting pattern. The voting in the middle belt was divided. At one end it was totally against us, at the other end it was totally with us. Could it be that the emergency and the so-called excesses of the emergency did not touch some parts of the country or could it be that family planning was differently understood or implemented in these areas? I know that in the years to come, scholars would write learned doctoral theses on this subject and yet let us not overlook this fact in the immediate present. It will require great tolerance and sympathetic understanding between the Government and the opposition to ensure that the different voting patterns in different regions are not exploited to the country's disadvantage.

Would you not, Mr Chairman, agree that this can easily be exploited by unscrupulous persons? Is it not the duty of the opposition to caution the Government against possible dangers? Speaking to some of my own colleagues, I have expressed the hope that the Congress Working Committee will go into this question and take appropriate action to study and analyse, have an analysis conducted on how and why this voting pattern occurred. It would help our functioning. To say that the overwhelming majority of the respected leaders of the Janata Party came from a particular region

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and hence they had a greater impact in that region is a very superficial reading of the situation. Shri Jayaprakash Narayan is not a regional leader—he is an all-India leader who is greatly respected all over the country. The Chairman of the Janata Party now the Prime Minister is not a regional leader. He has been one of our colleagues, and yet in his own State the verdict was divided. It was a mixed verdict. All these indicate the need for a careful study but I do hope that in this process of study and analysis there will be no mud-slinging or recrimination.

The President's Address. Mr Chairman, lists a series of Acts that have to be annulled or amended. There is a reference to proposed constitutional amendments including the repeal of the 42nd Amendment. We shall wait to see the Bills in their final form and shape before we give our reactions. There may be areas in which we would support the Government because we are sensitive enough to the verdict of the people but there may be other areas which do not stem from the verdict of the people and there we may have to disagree with Government proposals. Each Bill and each clause will have to be evaluated and considered on its merits. While there will certainly be no blanket opposition to the Government's proposals there can be no assurance of blanket support. I hope this will be understood as a fair and constructive approach.

I shall not at this juncture go into details except to say that after 30 years of independence we seem to be moving towards a healthy two-party system for the first time. This augurs well for stability, democracy and progress. But the very emergence of a two party system imposes its own limitations and logic on the functioning of both Government and the Opposition. Neither the Government nor the Opposition can go even a little outside the realm of practical

responsible functioning. We cannot vie with each other in the promises we make to the electorate which on the face of it may be unrealistic and may lead to economic, financial or social disorder. I was amazed that yesterday the hon. Finance Minister spoke of cutting back on investment. How can one cut back on investment and eradicate poverty in ten years? But I agree that the investment should be judicious. Fresh investment should not lead to inflationary pressures. Fresh investment should be such that the returns from it are quick. That is the gestation period on capital projects has to be short. Projects chosen have to yield results quickly. I will give you one example—oil exploration. The investment in oil exploration is high and yet you will be interested to know that the amount invested in oil exploration comes back to us in 12–18 months. The gestation period is short. I am only citing this as an example. At the same time Mr Chairman, we cannot and should not initiate or advocate policies that may lead to either a wage-push or cost push inflation. This country cannot afford it.

There would have to be some areas where we would have to evolve a bi-partisan policy by mutual discussion and consultation between the Hon'ble Ministers of the Government and if I may use the British phraseology the Members of the Opposition's shadow cabinet. Obviously foreign affairs is one such field. I am happy to see that there is a reference in the President's address wherein non-alignment is accepted as the policy of the new Government. That is what I mean by a bi-partisan policy. The other field that readily comes to my mind is education, especially campus discipline and student behaviour. These are fields where there can be, in India's present stage of development very little difference of opinion. There may be other areas too, but this will be possible only if there is mutual trust and confidence and, as I said earlier, shared ideals and objectives. With these comments, and

subject to the qualifications I have made, I support the Motion of Thanks to the President

श्री यादवेंद्र दत्त बुबे (जोनपुर)
अधिष्ठाता महोदय, मैं आप का बड़ा आभारी हूँ कि कम से कम आप ने मुझे अन्त में समय दिया, अभी तो 20 मिनट बाकी हैं

एक माननीय सदस्य अभी तो 6 घंटे तक बोलेंगे, आप बोल सकते हैं।

श्री यादवेंद्र दत्त बुबे हमारे पार्लियामेन्ट्री अपेअर्स के मिनिस्टर महोदय को हम लोगों को बताना चाहिये था, लेकिन उन्होंने हम इतना बताने की कृपा भी नहीं की। मैं उस में नहीं जाना चाहता हूँ।

अधिष्ठाता महोदय, मैं बड़े ध्यान से विरोधी दल के नेता का भाषण सुन रहा था। मुझे आशा थी कि जो व्यक्ति वहाँ महाराष्ट्र के मुख्य मंत्री रहे, भारत सरकार की हर-एक कुर्सी पर आसीन रहे और डेमोक्रेसी का दम भरत रहे, डेमोक्रेसी की यह परिपाटी है कि जब आप कुछ कहें तो उस का उत्तर सुनने के लिये आप भी उपस्थित रहें, कम से कम मुख को तो डेमोक्रेसी के बारे में यही बतलाया गया है, परन्तु मैं समझता हूँ शायद लोक सभा की ओर उन को डेमोक्रेसी के अन्दर जिस में एमर्जेंसी के दौरान लोगों को ठूस-ठस कर जेलों में बन्द किया गया, दूसरी की बातें सुनने का कष्ट भी गवारा नहीं किया जाता।

मैं दो बातें उन के भाषण में सुन पाया—एक तो उन का अरण्य-रोदन, बार-बार रोये की एमर्जेंसी हमेशा के लिये खत्म हो गई, एमर्जेंसी कायदे के दमन का नहीं है, लेकिन वे रोये चुनाव के बाद, चुनाव में पिटाई के बाद। इनके आभारों में वे हाथ जोड़-जोड़ कर जनता से माफी माग रहे थे, लेकिन जनता ने उन को क्षमा नहीं

किया। वास्तव में पिटाई के बाद उन को दुःखद ज्ञान पैदा हुआ। जिस ज्ञान को अमर्शान का ज्ञान कहा जाता है, जो अमर्शान में जागता है, जब चित्ता जलती है तो ज्ञान हो जाता है, लेकिन जब चित्ता धुंध गई तो ज्ञान भी समाप्त हो जाता है।

दूसरे अरण्य-रोदन पर भुज का दया आती है—उन्होंने तोबा की—मैं ऊर्ध्व का शब्द प्रयोग में ला रहा हूँ—जिस तरह से गुनहगार तोबा करता है, उसी तरह से विरोधी दल के नेता न भी तोबा की है। बार-बार उन्होंने कहा कि मैं कांग्रेस के भूत को छोड़ दो, क्यों हमारे सिर का भूत अपने सिर पर लादे हो। मैं, अधिष्ठाता महोदय, इस पर उन को बघाई देता हूँ—गुनहगार जब तोबा कर ले, तो मुक्ति तो नहीं हो सकती, लेकिन दया का पाव अवश्य हो सकता है। इस देश में, अधिष्ठाता महोदय, तोबा करने की जो पद्धति है, जिस का हिन्दी में प्रायश्चित्त करना कहते हैं, उस का हिन्दुस्तान में दो ही स्थान है—या तो हिमालय की गुफाओं में या त्रिवेणी की बालू पर। तीसरा स्थान प्रायश्चित्त का नहीं है। चूँकि इन्होंने स्वीकार कर लिया है—इस लिये, अधिष्ठाता महोदय, अब मैं उन के गुनाहों की ओर नहीं जाता हूँ। उन्होंने एक बात ऐसा कहा जिस पर मुझे बड़ी हसी आई। उन्होंने जनता पार्टी के बारे में कहा कि यह कौन जानवर है। कौन जानवर है, इस के बारे में मेरे स पूर्व बक्ता ने बता दिया है। श्री कबर लास मुक्त जी बोले तब उन्हें पता चला कि जनता पार्टी क्या है और जब श्री कबर लास मुक्त जी घोल रहे थे तो उन्होंने कहा कि पहले मतलबमानों के एक परसेण्ट बोट मिलते थे लेकिन अब के इलेक्शन में 99 परसेण्ट बोट मिल और कहा कि यह जनता पार्टी की बोट बेचिंग डिवीडिस थी। मैं एक प्रश्न पूछता हूँ कि अगर चार या पांच पांच दल अपने को समाप्त कर के एक मग्निलित विचारधारा

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का से कर एक नया ढल बना लिये हैं तो इस में गुनाह क्या है । आज धनवी नीति को विराधी बन जाने भूल गए हैं । उन्होंने सी० पी० आई० के साथ केरल से ले कर भारत व दूसरे प्रान्तों में जा गठजोड़ कर रखा है वह क्या है ? वह कुर्सी बेचिंग डिवाइस नहीं है तो क्या है ? और किस सी० पी० आई० व साथ इन्होंने गठजोड़ किया है । उस व साथ, जिस व बारे में इन के प्रेसिडेंट महोदय बहुत ध और इन्वेन्शन के भाषणा में उन्होंने य, बात कहा कि यह अन्विष्टेड एक्सप्लोराई है, अविश्वसनीय मित्र है । ऐसे अविश्वसनीय मित्र व साथ इन्होंने गठजोड़ किया है । यह इन की कुर्सी बेचिंग डिवाइस है और मुस्लिम लोग व साथ इन्होंने गठजोड़ किया है और वह इन की कुर्सी के साथ थोट बेचिंग डिवाइस है । मुझे हिन्दी की एक कहावत याद आती है उल्टा चार कोतवाल का डाटे" । आज व लोग जिन्होंने गुनाह किया है, जनता पार्टी को यानी कोतवाल को डाटे रहे हैं ।

अधिष्ठाता महोदय, मैं उप-राष्ट्रपति महोदय का आभारी हूँ उन बातों व लिए जोकि उन्होंने अपने भाषण में कही हैं परन्तु कुछ बातों की ओर मैं सरकार का ध्यान आकृष्ट करना चाहता हूँ । इस देश में जो अन्याय और प्रतिशोध की भावना रही है, उस को देश के किसानों ने 30 वर्ष तक सहा है लेकिन 30 वर्षों के बाद उन का समय टूट गया । 30 वर्षों तक यह किसान ठगा गया है । मैं ज्यादा उदाहरण नहीं देता और आकड़ों के जाल में नहीं जाता । कन हमारे भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री जी जब बोल रहे थे, तो मुझे बड़ी हसी आ रही थी । उन्होंने कहा कि हम ने एक्सपोर्ट बहुत बढ़ाया है । यह बताना वे भूल गये कि इन्डस्ट्रियल एक्सपोर्ट फिनियड प्रोडक्ट्स का बढ़ा है या रा-मैटीरियल्स का बढ़ा है । यह सिर्फ कोकोनियस एकोनामी है । ऐसा कहना

इन को आभा नहीं देता । इस के बारे में एक उदाहरण दे सकता हूँ और वह चमड़े का है । * चमड़ा आज भी हिन्दुस्तान में रोमानिया और बुल्गारिया को बेजा जाता है जबकि हम यहाँ पर उस चमड़े से वाट और वेस्ट-काट्स आदि चमड़े की चीजें बना सकते हैं । यह उन की अपनी निष्ठा प्रशंसा है ।

कृषि के बारे में भी उन्होंने अपनी प्रशंसा की है और कहा है कि हम न किसानों के लिए बहुत काम किया है और कृषि पर बहुत ज्यादा पैसा खर्च किया है । अगर आज भारत सरकार बजट को देखें तो कवल 13 परसेंट कृषि पर खर्च पड़ रहा है । जनता पार्टी न किसानों में बायदा किया है और मैं सरकार का ध्यान उस ओर आकृष्ट करता हूँ क्योंकि देश का किसान जाग गया है और अब उस की आभाषा व साथ धिक्काव नही किया जा सकता और उस की उपधा नही की जा सकती । मैं जनता पार्टी की सरकार से स्पष्ट कह देता हूँ और जनता पार्टी के मिनिस्टर्स से भी स्पष्ट कहता हूँ ।

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क्याकि वह जाग गया है । हम में बायदा किया है कि अन्विकोनामिक् हाल्टिन्स पर खगान समाप्त होगा । भूय, आशा थी कि उस के बारे में सरकार की ओर से कुछ ध्यान चाहिए था । यह कहा जाएगा कि यह प्रान्तीय विषय है लेकिन जो स्टेट्स प्रेसिडेंट क्ल के अन्तर्गत हैं, उन के लिए तो यह किया ही जा सकता है । जो आप के अधिकार में है, उस के लिए आप कदम उठाए ताकि देश के बाकी लोगों में विश्वास पैदा हो ।

एक दूसरी चीज जिस की तरफ मैं सरकार का ध्यान आकृष्ट करना चाहता हूँ वह यह है कि आज तक किसानों को उस

के प्रोडक्शन की अनएकोनामिक प्राइस दी गई है । उदाहरण देता हूँ । जब गेहूँ 10 रुपये और सबा 10 रुपये क्विंटल था तब खाद 52 रुपये बैग था । जब किसान से गेहूँ भीसा के बल पर 95 रुपये क्विंटल बमूल किया गया तो खाद का दाम 105 रुपये बैग है । यह है समाजवादी सरकार की समाजवादी कार्यवाही का नमूना । अधिष्ठाता महोदय, आप जगह जगह पर साइन बोर्ड पाएंगे । आप मोटर से ट्रेवल करने के लिए निकल जाए । आप जगह पर नगरपालिकाओं और महा-नगरपालिकाओं के बोर्ड लगे पाएंगे जिन पर लिखा होगा कि नगरपालिका आपका स्वागत करती है । स्वागत कैसे होना चाहिए ! स्वागत में कोई जलपान हो, पान खिलाया जाए, घाली यह न हो साइन बोर्ड लगा दिये जाए । इसी तरह अधिष्ठाता महोदय, जगह जगह पर सन्ने गल्ले की दुकानों के साइन बोर्ड लगे हुए हैं । वहाँ गेहूँ विकता है 135 रुपये, 140 रुपये क्विंटल । तीन-चार महीने पहले 95 रुपये क्विंटल में जो गेहूँ खरीदा गया उसी पर यह समाजवादी सरकार, गरीबों की समीक्षा सरकार 40 रुपये क्विंटल का मुनाफा मार रही थी । क्या समाजवाद में प्रोफिट मोटिव होता है ? समाजवाद का तो पड़ता सिद्धांत यह है कि रोटी के ऊपर कोई मुनाफा नहीं होना चाहिए, नो प्रोफिट, नो लोस, लेकिन यह सरकार उस पर इतना मुनाफा कमा रही थी । बनिया घगर 10 रुपये क्विंटल मुनाफा मार से नो डी० प्राई० घार० और भीसा में बढ़ कर दिया जाए । समाजवादी सरकार 40 रुपये क्विंटल मुनाफा कमाये तो हमारे वित्त मंत्री डोन पीटें कि हमारी ये प्रसीजेंस हैं ।

किसान को क्या मूल्य मिलना चाहिए, यह बहुत बड़ा प्रश्न है । दुनिया में हर देश में घेन बोर्ड है । धरौंददार चाहता है कि उसे कम से कम मूल्य में भात मिले,

सरकार चाहती है कि उसे भी कम से कम दाम देना पड़े और उत्पादन करने वाला चाहता है कि उसे उस के उत्पादन का अधिक से अधिक मूल्य मिले । अगर एक घेन बोर्ड हो जाए तो ये सारी समस्याएँ सुलझ सकती है । समाजवादी सरकारों में बड़ी प्रादत है कि वे हर जगह कूदती हैं । हमारे यहाँ एक देसी कहावत है कि "विच्छू का मत न जाने साप के बिल में हाथ छोड़ दें" हमारे यहाँ घेन बोर्ड हो । उस बोर्ड में इकोनोमिस्ट्स, एपीकल्चरिस्ट्स, वैकर्स सदस्य हो । गवर्नमेंट का भी एक नोमिनी हो । उसका चेयरमैन एक इडीपेंडेंट जज हो । कुपि में जितने इन्पुट लगने हैं, जितना लेबर लगता है, वह सारा कैलकुलेट करके, सारा हिसाब लगा कर, वह बोर्ड गेहूँ का आर्थिक मूल्य, गेहूँ का सही प्राइस डिक्लेयर करे और सरकार को बाध्य हो कर उस दाम पर गेहूँ खरीदना पड़े । सरकार हमेशा परचेजर रही है और स्वभावतः वह मास कम दाम पर खरीदना चाहती है । हमने किसान की रोड़ को हड़ी तोड़ दी है ।

अधिष्ठाता महोदय, पानी का हाल देखिए । मैं अपने भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री का भाषण सुन कर हूतने हुमत पाट गया । उन्होंने अपने भाषण में मिर्चाई की बहुत बात की । मिर्चाई की हाना पाज भी यह है कि तोम वर्ष के बाद भी हिन्दुस्तान की खेती प्राप्ताश के पानी के साथ जूझी हुई है । इन्होंने पानी पाज तक बढ़ाया नहा । पाज भी पानी ऊपर में आता है तो खेती अच्छी होती है । भूपर्ष में पानी निस्काशते । यह कुछ नहीं किया ।

अधिष्ठाता महोदय उत्तर प्रदेश में भी कार्यक्रम की सरकार है । उन्होंने इण्डियन एरिया बनाया । ये कहते हैं कि पाट पानी मिले या न मिले नॉर्मल 21 रुपये एकड़ दिया जाए । यह तो ऐसा ठूफा कि वित्तो रेन्डोरेट में मा रत्ने रदार पर

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जाए और वह कि काफी लाभो तो इस पर बड़ा जाए कि काफी आए या न आए लेकिन तुम पैसा देकर चले जाओ। यह कैसा समाजवाद है? यह तो लूटमार हो रही है। कमान एरिया के मायने हैं कि पानी दो। अगर पानी नहीं दे सकते तो उसका चार्ज लेने का आपको कोई अधिकार नहीं है।

अधिष्ठाता महादय, मैं पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश से आता हूँ। वहाँ किसानों को रात को 12 बजे बिजली दी जाती है। मैं हाथ जोड़ कर एक ही निवेदन करूँगा कि ये जितने भी भूतपूर्व मंत्री हैं वे मेरे साथ चलें और अति पोष और भाष में एक लगेटो लगा कर, बनियान पहिन कर जरा पानी छोड़ दें। दो दिन में अगर बिना ये मरे हुए लोट आए तो मैं राजनीति से इस्तीफा देने के लिए तैयार हूँ। निश्चय ही इनको निर्मोनिया होगा। वहाँ पर तो आप रात बारह बजे बिजली देते हैं लेकिन दिन में बिजली आप किस को देते हैं? सिनेमा हाउसिस को देते हैं। अगर दिन में कोई सिनेमा नहीं देखता है तो उसकी बजह से देश मर नहीं जाएगा। लेकिन रोटी अगर देश को नहीं मिलती है, लोगो को नहीं मिलती है तो देश अवश्य मर जाएगा, लाख अवश्य मर जाये। इस वास्ते मेरी आप से अपेक्षा है कि आप बिजली दें, समय से दें, दिन में दें और इकानोमिक रेट पर दें। रेट अन्-इकानोमिक नहीं होना चाहिये, अधाधुप रेट आपको उन में बाज नहीं करना चाहिये।

आप ने भूमि पर सीलिंग लगाई। यह आपन बहुत अच्छा किया। अठारह एकड़ की आपने लगाई। यह मैक्सिमम सीलिंग है। लेकिन आप दखें कि ट्रैक्टर का क्या कीमत है। माउ हूजा में वह मिलता है। आप सब बतायें कि अगर कोई किसान ट्रैक्टर ले कर घेती करना चाहता है, रशेसन फार्मिड करना चाहता है।

तो क्या वह कर सकता है क्या वह इतना महंगा ट्रैक्टर खरीद सकता है। अगर वह कम्बाइड हार्वेस्टर लेना चाहता है तो उस की कीमत तीन लाख है। कहा से वह पैसा लायेगा। आप कहते हैं कि आप ग्रुप बना देते हैं और उन के लिये एक ट्रैक्टर हो सकता है। लेकिन आप को पता होना चाहिये कि एग्रीकल्चर इज एन इडिपेंडेंट इंडिविजुअल सत्रजन्ट किस तरह से उन का काम इस तरह से चल सकता है और जितने लोग इस तरह से लाभ उठा सकते हैं। आप देखें कि एक ही समय पर किसान को इसकी आवश्यकता पड़ती है। इस वास्ते आप को चाहिये कि एग्रिकल्चरल इम्प्लीमेंट्स के दाम आप सबसिडाइज कर, इन को आप घटायें।

मैं यह भी भाष करता हूँ कि आप एड केटल इनश्योरेंस हाना चाहिये भावनी का आप करत हैं, अच्छी बात है, मुझे के कपडे का भी आप करते हैं लेकिन देश को जिस पर गर्व होना चाहिये, जो देश को खिलाता है उस की उपज का आप इनश्योरेंस नहीं करते हैं, जीवन के लिये जिस धन की आवश्यकता है और जो उस को पैदा करता है, उस की उपज का आप इनश्योरेंस नहीं करते हैं उस की खेती पर आपत्ति आती है, पत्थर और पासा गिर जाता है, उस की सारी फसल नष्ट हो जाती है उस का आप इनश्योरेंस नहीं करते हैं। यह समाजवादी सरकार उस को कर्ज देती थी, तकावी देती है। जिसका सर्वनाश हो गया उस का कर्ज दे कर आप उस को रीढ़ को बना रहे हैं या उस को तोड़ रहे हैं? कर्ज से उस की क्षतिपूर्ति नहीं हो सकती है। इस कर्ज को अगली फसल पर देते देते वह मिट जायेगा। इस प्रकार से गरीबी नहीं हटाई जा सकती है। गरीबी हटाओ का नारा तो दिया गया था लेकिन

डेड मादमी की गरीबी ही भारत में हटी थी। बाकी देश गरीब है। अगर आपने क्षतिपूर्ति करनी है तो कंटल और फ्राप की इनश्योरेंस करें।

आप ने कहा है कि रूल ब्रैडिट बैंक होने चाहिये। एव भी रूल बैंक किसान को हरी खड़ी फसल पर एडवांस नहीं देता है। किसान क्यों मारा जाता है? इस वास्ते कि उस में रिटैटिव पावर नहीं है, आर्थिक पावर नहीं है आर्थिक शक्ति उस में नहीं है? बैंक कपड़े को ग्रास पर एडवांस करते हैं। मोटर पर करते हैं लेकिन किसान की हरी खड़ी फसल पर एडवांस नहीं करने हैं। यह होना चाहिये ऐसा आप ने किया और उस को एडवांस किया तो कोई घाटा नहीं होगा। किसान की स्थिति इस से ठीक होगी।

आप परिवार नियोजन को ले। एक वक्त था जब आशीर्वाद दिया जाता था भवेत् माता पच पुत्रा लेकिन इस समाजवादी सरकार द्वारा यह आशीर्वाद दिया जाता है भवेत् माता निपुत्रा। किस प्रकार से परिवार नियोजन को ले कर लोगों के साथ ज्यादतियां की गई हैं इसका मैं आपको एक उदाहरण देना चाहता हूँ लखनऊ में अभी एक भठारह वर्ष का नवयुवक बलिषा से नौकरी की तलाश में आया। उस के बारे में जो खबर छपी है उस की कटिंग मैंने स्वास्थ्य मंत्री श्री राज नारायण को दे दी है। वह बेचारा स्टेशन पर उतरा। नौकरी उसको किसी ने दी नहीं, उस के लिये उस को किसी ने पूछा नहीं, उस को ले जा कर बैस की तरह बधिया बना दिया गया मैं एक डिग्री कॉलेज का अध्यक्ष हूँ। कितने ही सर्कुलर मेरे पास रखे हैं इस के बारे में जो गवर्नमेंट के सर्कुलर है। उन में यह कहा गया है कि मास्टरो की तनकाह

रोको, उन को सस्पेंड करो और अगर फला तारीख तक नसबन्दी नहीं कराते है तो डिसमिस करो। यह जबरी नही थी तो क्या था? चुनाव के एक महीने पहिले तक इन का रेडियो सही समाचार नहीं देता था। इन के रेडियो को हिन्दुस्तान के लोगो ने कहा था कि यह रेडियो झूठीस्तान है और उस पर कोई विश्वास नहीं करता था। मेरी गर्दन शर्म से झुक जाती थी जब मैं लोगो की बात को कहते सुनता था कि सही खबर लेनी हो तो बी० बी० सी० को सुनो। यह लज्जा की बात है और पिछली समाजवादो सरकार ने हमारे अपने ही पर भविश्वास करवा दिया।

मुजफ्फरनगर से ले कर मुल्तानपुर तक जिन हजारो लोगो को गोली से उडा दिया गया उस बारे में मान्यवर हम ने माग की थी कि उस की जाच कराई जाय। उन लोगो का जुर्म क्या था? जुर्म यह था कि वह हिजडा बनने के लिये तैयार नहीं थे। और हमारे गृह मंत्री जी के पास हजारो लोगो के स्वर्नि स्टेटमेंट रखे हुए है उन लोगो के जिन के रिश्तेदार मारे गये है। जब गृह मंत्री जौनपुर में बोल रहे थे तो उन्होंने कहा था कि हम इस की जाच करायेंगे और जो भी दोषी पाये जायेंगे उन को दंड देगे। मेरी माग है कि उस बारे में जाच होनी चाहिये। सरकार से मेरा विनम्र निवेदन है कि आप जाच कमिशन बंठाया दंड दो या न दो यह आप की मर्जी लेकिन जहा भन्याय हुआ है उस की जानकारी लोगो को होनी चाहिये और उस भन्याय का पर्दाफास समाज के सामने होना चाहिये। मुल्तानपुर और बधुआकला के बीच मैं ने स्वयं फार्मिंग देखी है और 9 लाख गिनी है। मृत्यु लोगो के आधितो को कर्मनसेशन मिलना चाहिये। यह ठीक

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है रिजिम की घोरत विधवा हो गई या जिसका पुत्र मारा गया उस का पैमे ने सुख भिनन वास्ता नहीं है। लेकिन यह सत्य है कि उन का एक घामू हम पूछ सकत हैं।

दूसरा मेरा निवेदन सरकार से यह है कि भ्रष्टाचार की जाच हानो चाहिये। मरा निश्चित मत है कि भ्रष्टाचार ऊपर न आता है नीचे से नहीं आता है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि नापरवाला बाड इसी दिल्ली नगरी में हुआ और मुझे धायप्य है वित्त मंत्री जो अगर यहा होउ तो उन मे पूछना क्या घाप एक बी पैसा बैंक स टेरीफोन कराकर भगवा सकन हैं? 60 लाख रुपया निकल गया क्या उस की जाच हुई। मैं स्पष्ट मांग करता हूँ कि उस की जाच होनी चाहिये। बानून में सब बराबर है चाहें वह कितना हो ऊचा हो या नीचा हो।

मान्यवर अभी मुख्य मंत्री की बात हुई मैं रितने मंत्री बताऊँ उत्तर प्रदेश के जिन के भ्रष्टाचार के स्पष्ट प्रमाण दिये गये और मैंने स्वयं नेवा विरोधी दल के रूप में प्रमाण दिये, माननीय उग्रमन जो जानत हैं एक मंत्री ने 40 गांव उधे करवाये गाजीपुर जिले में और उन पर 40 लाख रु० खच हा गया। रेवन्सू पेपर्स में जब देखा जाने गया था। गांवों का पता ही नहीं चला। मान्यवर, इस दश के अन्दर दो बहुत बड़ी मजहूर थी एक दिल्ली की और एक लखनऊ की। क्या जाच हो रही है? क्या लखनऊ में बाजरा काड नहीं हुआ? लेकिन कोई जाच नहीं हुई। भ्रष्टाचार का जाच बड लोगो की होनी चाहिये। भाप न दो रु० पर एक चपरासी या बाबू को उठाकर फक दिया इस से कुछ

नही होता। जो बडे बडे मगरमच्छ है घोर में उन व नाम तक गिना सकता है उन के खिलाफ जाच होना चाहिये। मारुति बाड को ही ल ल। जो प्राणो मात्र कम्यनी नहा चला सका वह हमारे सामने बैठे श्रीमान योगी के बच्चों पर चड़ कर दश का युवराज बन रहा था और इन की जवान पर ताता लगा था जैम और दसरार में लोगों की उवान पर ताता लगा था। तो मान्यवर मैं मांग करता हूँ कि एक कमोशन बठाया जाय जिम में बडे बड लोगो के खिलाफ करप्शन की जाच हा।

शिक्षा के बारे में मैं सुझाव दे रहा हूँ। हमारे शिक्षा मंत्री डा० प्रफाण चन्द्र बन्दर ने प्रत लिया है कि वे देश के अन्दर मागता लायने में उमका स्वागत करता हूँ। मरा सुझाव यह है कि मागता जाने के लिए बहुत पैसे की जरूरत नहीं है। आज दश में बहुत से शिक्षाविद ऐसे हैं जो रिटायर्ड लोग हैं जिनका पेशन दी जा रही है। उनको काम चाहिये हम उनसे करवड प्रायना कर कि आज देश में कान्ति हो रहा है जिसके वन पर दश घाय बड रहा है दश की 30 वर्ष की बमियों को 5 वर्ष में पूरा किया जा रहा है। आप उम कान्ति में हमारा माय दे और बच्चा को शिक्षित करे। हरक रिटायर्ड अध्यापक को निवेदन कर कि भाई जाने का साधन दे देंगे और आप काम करे। साभगता के लिये बहुत बडे साधनबाड और बिल्डिंग का जरूरत नहीं है। मरा सुझाव है कि जितने रिटायर्ड परसेन इन दश के हैं उनका उपयोग साधरता के लिए किया जाये।

हमारे विपक्षी दल के नेता ने बड जोर से कहा कि हिंदुस्तान की इमेज न बिगाडिये। मैं साफ तौर पर कहना चाहता हूँ कि जनता सरकार हिंदुस्तान की इमेज को किसी भीमत पर बिगडन नहीं दगी। हमारी सरकार का परम उद्देश्य है— परम बमव नेउनेतव

स्वराष्ट्रम्" । हमारा राष्ट्र परम वैभवशाली है, इसकी इमज नहीं घिगाडी जा सकती है । मैं इस बारे में दो उदाहरण देना चाहता हूँ । मैं जानता चाहता हूँ कि इस इमजेंसी के दौरान पाश्चात्य अखबारों में हमारी क्या इमेज बनी है, इसका उत्तर खुद माननीय चट्टाण दें । हमारे विदेश मंत्री विदेशों में जाकर बाहर हर एक जगह पात्र लेकर घूमते रहे कि भिक्षाम देहि, भिक्षाम देहि । जनता सरकार भिक्षा नहीं मांगती है ।

अगर हमारे सुरक्षा मंत्री यहाँ होते तो मैं उनका ध्यान आकृष्ट करना चाहता था कि हमारी सुरक्षा पर भी बड़ा भारी गैप हो गया है, जो कि मिसाइल गैप बन गया है । मैं किसी देश का नाम नहीं लेता हूँ कि यह मिसाइल गैप किस कारण से बन गया है और इसका कौन जिम्मेदार है । हम जानना चाहते हैं कि क्या हमारे देश की सुरक्षा लाठी और थ्री-नाट-थ्री की राइफल से होगी । क्या हम अपने बहादुर सैनिकों को पुराने अस्त्र दगे ? उनको आधुनिक अस्त्र चाहियें । हमने मिसाइल देन से इन्कार कर दिया है । मैं देश का नाम नहीं ले रहा हूँ, लेकिन इशारा कर रहा हूँ । मैं चाहूँगा कि डिफेंस मिनिस्टर यह घोषणा करें । मुझ से अधिक खुशी किसी को नहीं हो सकती इस देश में अगर मिसाइल गैप को दूर किया जा सके ।

सिक्वोरिटो की दृष्टि से आपने अखबारों में देखा होगा कि दिल्ली के लैफ्टिनेन्ट गवर्नर के पी० ए० रोम भागने के लिए बम्बई भाग कर जा रहे थे । क्या यह दाढ़ी में तिनका साबित नहीं कर रहा है कि उसमें क्या था ? मैं इस सरकार से माँग करूँगा कि जितने नेता या भूतपूर्व महापुरुष हैं और जितने अधिकारी दोषी हैं, जिनकी जाच होनी है, उनके पासपोर्ट को इम्पाउंड करे और उनको इस देश से बाहर जाने की आज्ञा नहीं मिलनी चाहिए ।

फारेन पालिसी के बारे में मैं सुझाव देना चाहता हूँ । हमारी फारेन पालिसी नान-एलाइन्ड है, यह बहुत अच्छी है । लेकिन कहीं यह न बन जाय कि मज से अच्छी अग्रेजी नती । हमारा राष्ट्रहित दोना सुपर पावर के बीच में है और उन दोनों के बीच में हमको अपना राष्ट्रहित देखना चाहिये, इसमें हमें किसी प्रकार की आपत्ति नहीं है । हम अपनी अन्तराष्ट्रीय राजनीति सिद्धान्तों और राष्ट्र-हित पर आधारित करेंगे ।

अन्त में सभापति महोदय आपसे और आपके माध्यम से अपने माननीय आवास मंत्री से मैं निवेदन करूँगा कि जनता पार्टी को जनता ने किसी उद्देश्य के लिये भेजा है, कानून के लिये भेजा है और जबरदस्ती के लिये नहीं भेजा है, कोई कानून से मकान भागता है और दूसरा कोई जबरी धूस जाये और आप बहें कि क्या करें, तो यह नहीं चलगा । आवास मंत्री को इस पर ध्यान देना चाहिये कि नो फरदर फेररिटिग्स थार पार्थि-लिटो ।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं श्री कपूरी ठाकुर द्वारा रख गये धन्यवाद-प्रस्ताव का समर्थन इस लिए करता हूँ कि जितने वंशम उठे हैं, वे हेसिटेटिंग हाग, लेकिन वे पहले कदम हैं । यह सरकार शान्तिकारी सरकार है, क्योंकि यह जो चुनाव हुआ है, वह रिबोल्यूशन बाई विबैलद बाक्स है, इसलिए इस शान्तिकारी सरकार के एक्शन डिमाइसिव, इफिनेट और बोल्ट होने चाहिए—वे किसी को इन्डा व प्रसन्नता पर निमर नहीं होने चाहिए ।

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arko-
nam) I congratulate the framers of
the Address for its brevity and also for
its tone of restraint I feel that it could
have contained louder denunciation but
has shown restraint and has not indulg-
ed in any denunciation. After seeing

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the verdict of the people and hearing the representatives of the Janata Party here who have told us the tales of woe during the emergency one feels really repentant and sorry. The story of the gentleman who cried "Jai Narayan" and was put in jail because he was suspected to be sympathetic to Shri Jai Prakash Narayan is an extreme case. Many such cases might have happened. It has to be conceded that excesses were committed during the emergency and that they hurt the people very much. If it means anything I would like to tender sincere apologies for what has happened during the emergency.

When it was conceived, it was like dieting prescribed for a patient overtaken by disorder but as it proceeded, it began to eat the very patient whom it sought to save, namely democracy. It was like the revolution eating its own children. In fact, the people who ran the emergency became its first victims rather than those who suffered from it for this reason that they were not kept fully informed of what was going on and the nature of the emergency in the country.

1712 hrs.

[Shri S D Patil in the Chair]

We have to expiate for it do prayaschitta for it. Babu Jagivan Ram has expiated in a particular way, those who were defeated at the hustings have expiated in a different way, and those who have been elected will also have to perform prayaschitta, I have it will be parliamentary tapas charya.

I commended the restraint shown in the Address of the President, but I am sorry to say that the speeches of the Members from the Janata Party did not show much of restraint. Perhaps this is the initial period and they will get over this feeling soon. The Janata Party has certainly made history by unseating the Congress which has ruled this country for over 30 years and by forming a viable Government at the Centre for the first time but I would like to submit that the

Congress Party also, in its hour of defeat, has made history because it has provided for the first time in 30 years a viable official Opposition. You will agree that both the Government party and a viable Opposition party are needed to work our democracy.

In their euphoria of victory, many Members seem to have lost—I mean on the other side—their perspective and balance. They have condemned the entire Congress rule spread over the past 30 years. What does 'his mean'? Does it mean the condemnation of all that happened under Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Indira Gandhi before the emergency was ushered in? Do they condemn everything? It means much more than that. It means you condemn the verdict of the people which has been delivered five times, that is, in 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1971. You condemn the five successive verdicts of the people and are to prepare to approve only the sixth verdict. Please do not mock at people who have returned you to take over the reins of Government in good faith.

Democracy is vindicated not only when it acts in a negative way that is when it unseats a government which it has itself put in power but also when it acts in a positive way that is, when it confirms a government in the seat of power for a second time. How a peaceful change has occurred in the Government without shedding any blood anywhere, without any violence! So, when democracy changes the Government that it has put in power, it must be appreciated. I would plead that it has to be appreciated even when it confirms the party in power for a second time.

The Congress Government had not been in power for the past 30 years by means of false credentials. We are heirs to a non-violent revolution under Mahatma Gandhi who won freedom from foreign domination for his ancient country. There are some Members on the other side who also are heirs

to the non-violent revolution which got freedom for the country. Please do not forget the present Prime Minister was part of the Congress and had contributed to the Congress history as my leader mentioned some time ago until the year 1969. Please do not forget that Babu Jagjivan Ram was part of the Congress and whatever had been done before independence and after independence, until the crucial day of 2nd February 1977. So also several others in Government who are sitting in the Government benches, were part of the Congress and they contributed to the achievements of Congress and the service that was rendered by the Congress Government to this country. So I would humbly appeal to the Members on the Government side please do not stand self-condemned by condemning indiscriminately all that has happened in the past.

Now, I am coming to a subject which is rather delicate that is the subject of interpreting the recent verdict of the people. My friend Mr C Subramaniam, said something and he was almost mauled by the House. My friend Mr Rameswara Rao, was much more fortunate. He couched his speech in a very diplomatic language and he was listened to with attention. So I should say something and I shall crave your indulgence so that you need not mistake me. I am not saying this out of parochial consideration. Our background has not been parochial, it has been national. So please do not misunderstand me when I say this. The Address speaks of the democratic process. The wind that blew it was not one wind, there were two winds. Perhaps I can compare it to the south-east monsoon and the north-east monsoon country. They blew in contrary directions, about which my friend Shri Rameswara Rao has spoken, and the dividing line has been the old dividing line of the Vindhya mountains. There are many periods in Indian history when, due to stresses and strains the basic Indian culture has

had to cross the Vindhya mountains and take refuge in the southern part of India. I am reminded of a similar thing happening to the nationalist culture of this country and I am tempted to say that it was forced to cross the Vindhya mountains and take refuge in the southern part of India.

But one thing is clear and let us not run away from that fact. The Government of the day I am sorry to say is not representative of the entire country and the Opposition of the day is also not representative of the entire country. This is a very serious situation a situation which I would almost call a vicious situation. It is a situation which is pregnant with mischief and it is in the national interest that all of us should put our heads together and try to find a solution for this mischievous situation.

The Address speaks of extra-constitutional centres of power. I believe the reference is quite obvious. I would like to ask the Government side to place their hands on their hearts and tell me whether there are no extra constitutional centres of power operating now. What about the election of the Leader of the Government itself? Was it arranged or was it arrived at by the Party on its own? There were certain extra-constitutional centres of power which advised the Government Party to choose a particular person as its Leader. I don't deny it and I don't disapprove of it. What is Jayaprakashji, what is Acharya Kripalani? What is Vinobaji and what was Gandhiji earlier? It has been a part of Indian history that extra-constitutional centres of power have been operating. But I would like to ask these extra-constitutional centres of power not to be selfish but to be selfless and to operate solely in the interests of the nation. What I am pointing out is that this idiom has been picked up from somewhere else and copied. Evidently it was in your mind to say that political upstartism should not be encouraged, that it

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should not be clothed without Governmental authority without Constitutional sanction. You would have been more definite had you said that but you used a loose idiom and called it extra constitutional centres of power— which I wanted to clarify may be misleading.

Now the Address says that President's Rule is intended to be imposed strictly in accordance with the objectives mentioned in the Constitution and not for extraneous purposes. This sentence is found in the Address but, I am sorry to say even before the ink has dried you have done something contrary to what you have said in the President's Address. Can the introduction of President's Rule in Kashmir substantiate your contention?

MR CHAIRMAN The Adjournment Motion has been withdrawn

SHRI O V ALAGESAN I am speaking on the President's Address where this is mentioned. I can refer to it. I do not think there is anything wrong in that.

I beg to submit that the Heavens would not have fallen if you had allowed the Congress Party to form the Government and if it had collapsed under the weight of its own dissensions, then you would have had every right to introduce President's rule there. But you did not have the patience to wait because I am afraid you had the same advisers who advised us to do many things or who are at present advising you, you have succumbed to their advice as we had succumbed to it, at what cost the whole world knows. The moment you had written it even before the ink was dry you did something which was quite contrary to that, your first exercise of authority has been contrary to your own declaration and your own conviction. I am sorry this has happened. Please guard yourselves against such slips in future.

Again the President's Address says

Steps will also be taken to ensure that All India Radio, Doordarshan, Films Division and other Government media function in a fair and objective manner."

Already a very important member of your Party has pointed out an instance where this has not been so. I do not want to rub it in. We all know the way in which the All India Anna D'MK's assurance to the Prime Minister was put on the radio and in a section of the press. Please guard yourselves against such violations, in future, of your own very clearly stated policy. I would not like to put the entire blame on the Government because I feel that some overzealous officials might have been responsible for such distorted information.

Now I come to the subject matter of an amendment which I have given notice of, and that is with reference to the Sarkaria Inquiry Commission in Tamil Nadu. My friend sitting on my left, Shri Hegde, pleaded very eloquently that all misdeeds should be inquired into and that those who had committed those misdeeds should be brought to book. Here is a case where already an inquiry has been going on into the misdeeds of the erstwhile DMK Chief Minister, Shri Karunanidhi, and his colleagues, and this has been going on for the last one year. The Commission was appointed in February 1975 and its term ended on 1st February 1977. They are seized of as many as 27 or 28 allegations of which the Commission was able to inquire into only seven, 21 more allegations still remain to be inquired into. On the inquiry so far conducted the Commission has submitted its conclusions in a report. This report has been placed on the Table of the other House. I would request the Government to place this report on the Table of this House also. This is a very big report, I would not go into the whole thing. I would give you only one or two

samples from the conclusions of the report This is against Shri M. Karunanidhi, the then Chief Minister, this is one of the conclusions of the Sarkaria Commission

(d) Rs 53,359/- in cash on 25-11-1971

(e) Rs 64,502/- in cash on 23-12-1971

(f) Rs 17,603/- from H P Rao after 25-11-1971

(g) Rs. 16,242/- from P G Dastoor after 25-11-1971

Total Rs 3,87,746/ '

"That on 22 9 1971 in pursuance of the aforesaid demand, and imposed arrangement, Shri Karunanidhi, abusing his official position as Chief Minister received through his Private Secretary Vaithialingam, a total sum of Rs 1,17,273/- from the seven operators including Cambata Captain Krishnan and others, as a motive or reward for doing acts connected with his official functions such as releasing payment of their pending bills in respect of the work done upto 19-9-1971 and for allocating further work at the contractual rate of Rs 11/- per acre etc'

This is an interesting report and the Members will understand it if they go through it what atrocities were committed and corruption was indulged in and that unheard of misuse of official power did take place in Tamil Nadu

I would read another charge

"That Shri Anbil Dharmalingam, acting in pursuance of a pre arranged plan conceived by him in concert with Shri Karunanidhi, the then Chief Minister and by abusing his official position as Minister for Agriculture directly received from the operators illegal gratifications in amounts and on dates noted below, as a motive or reward for doing acts connected with his official functions

(a) Rs. 1,41,650/- in cash on 11-10-1971

(b) Rs. 41,714/- in cash on 25-10-1971

(c) Rs 52,078/- in cash on 6-11-1971.

The Commission has given its findings on seven of the allegations that were referred to it There are 21 more allegations Now Sir I have reasons to believe that Shri Karunanidhi's lobbyists are already in Delhi and are haunting the corridors both of Parliament House and the Secretariat so that they can somehow wriggle out of this inquiry and consequences of such an inquiry

Yesterday, we wanted to get an assurance from the Finance Minister that he would continue the Commission of Inquiry and that he would allow the Commission to do its work and complete it What he said was neither discouraging nor encouraging, he has become such an adept in using the language He said If we do something and stop the inquiry, you will have time to agitate about it I would like to plead with the Prime Minister who is presiding over the destiny of this country, known for his rectitude and abhorrence of corruption in public life that this inquiry should be continued and completed It will be highly unfortunate if this Commission is given the go-by I hope and I seek an assurance whosoever will be speaking on behalf of the Government in reply to this debate to this effect. I seek an assurance from the Government spokesman that they will continue this inquiry and allow the Commission to complete its work. Not only that, they should also take action as a consequence of the report of this Commission

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Sir, I would like to bring to your notice another matter with regard to a serious lapse that has occurred during the elections in my constituency. The Speaker occupies a very special position. Though in Tamil Nadu the Assembly was dissolved and the Government was dismissed, because of the constitutional requirement the Speaker is still there holding his high office. I am sorry to say that this Speaker who is paid by the Government and who uses Government car and who has paid government personnel to assist him, went about very actively canvassing for the DMK candidate in my constituency. I brought this to the notice of the authorities, firstly to the Chief Election Commissioner and others but I did not get any remedy, and it went on until the election was over. It is highly improper on his part to have done so. In this connection, I would like to quote from the report of the Committee of Presiding Officers. It says

"The Committee felt that impartiality of the Speaker being an indispensable condition for the successful working of parliamentary democracy, it is essential that the Speaker should sever all connections with the Party to which he might have belonged."

Also the Committee noted the following observation of Dr. N. Sanjiva Reddy, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, on his election as Speaker on 17th March 1967.

"My office requires of me to be impartial and judicious in the conduct of my work. I can assure you with all the force at my command that I will try to live upto this requirement and maintain the highest tradition set by my predecessors. As a necessary corollary to this resolve, I resign my membership of the Party to which I had the honour to belong for 34 years. So long as I occupy this Chair, it shall be my endeavour to

see that all sections of this House get an honest impression that I do not belong to any Party at all."

This is what Dr. Sanjiva Reddy said. The Committee agreed in principle with the Speaker of the Lok Sabha that the Speaker should not belong to any Party.

Now, when this is the opinion of the Committee of Presiding Officers, it is very unfortunate that a Speaker — let alone his not belonging to any Party or severing his connection with any Party—the Speaker of Tamil Nadu has gone to this extent of canvassing actively for a candidate in the elections. Of course, he belongs to the same Party to which the Speaker once belonged. The Speaker belonged to the DMK but, as Speaker whether it was within his propriety to have done it, is a matter I leave to you to judge.

With these few words and subject to my amendment, I support the motion of thanks to the President for his Address.

श्री यमुना प्रताप शास्त्री (रत्ना): माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, सब से पहले मैं कार्यवाहक राष्ट्रपति महोदय का हार्दिक धन्यवाद दूंगा कि उन्होंने जनता की सही राह को पहचाना। हमारे देश में आज जो एक समूहपूर्व जनताति हुई है उसकी ओर न केवल हमारे देशवासियों ने बल्कि दुनिया के उन सभी लोगों ने जो साक्षरतम मन्त्रिणा करते हैं, केवल ध्यान भर ही नहीं दिया बल्कि उसे बहुत विस्मित हो कर देखा है कि हिन्दुस्तान की जनता ने सही मायना में लोकतंत्र के प्रति अपनी हार्दिक भावना व्यक्त की है। उसको हमारे कार्यवाहक राष्ट्रपति महोदय ने, बड़े सुन्दर और सुस्पष्ट शब्दों में लोक सभा और राज्य सभा के समूहक प्रतिनिधित्व के सामने रखा है। उन्होंने जनता की उन सभी प्राकाश्यों

घोर अपेक्षाओं को भी अभिव्यक्ति दी है जो कि आज समूचे देश में, समूचे देश के जनमानस में व्याप्त है।

मैंने कुछ देर पहले प्रतिपक्ष के माननीय नेता श्री यशवतराव जी चव्हाण का भाषण बहुत ध्यानपूर्वक सुना। मुझे कुछ है कि अभी भी इतनी बड़ी जन शान्ति के बाद भी उन्होंने कोई सबक नहीं सीखा है। उन्होंने इस बात की बहुत चर्चा की है कि उन्हें कुछ गुण ठिठ नीतियों, पर विचारधाराओं पर और दर्शन पर पूरा विश्वास है। मुझे बड़ा आश्चर्य है और मैं यह जानने में असमर्थ हूँ कि वह कौन सी नीतियाँ हैं, कौन सा दर्शन है, कौन सी विचारधारा है जिसमें उनको बहुत बड़ा विश्वास है।

दूसरी ओर वह यह कहते हैं कि जनता पार्टी सब ओर दिखाई दे रही है इसके पास कोई एक दर्शन नहीं है। उनका कहना था कि अनेक दर्शन उनको यहाँ मालूम होते हैं। पता नहीं वह कौन सी दृष्टि है जिससे उन्हें यहाँ एक दर्शन दिखाई नहीं देता है और अपनी उनकी यही सुसंगठित विचारधारा मालूम होती है। आपकी इस विचारधारा के चलते इस देश में 45 करोड़ लोग आज भी गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे हैं। आपके दर्शन और विचारधारा का ही यह फल है कि जिस बिडला के पास आज से तीस साल पहले केवल 25 करोड़ की पूँजी थी आज उसके पास 1100 करोड़ की पूँजी है। दूसरी तरफ़ इस देश के 45 करोड़ लोग गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे जीवन व्यतीत करने पर विवश हैं। अगर यही विचारधारा और नीति और दर्शन है तो मैं समझता हूँ कि इतने इतने देश की जनता ने हमें ऐसा के लिए छुटकारा पा लिया है, जनता ने इस विचारधारा, इस दर्शन को, इस नीति को रद्दी की टाकरी में फेंक दिया है। आपको इस पर अभी भी गर्व है तो मैं समझता हूँ कि आपका अभी और कुछ होना बाकी है। आपने स्वयं कहा है कि अभी जोड़े दिन पहले आपके सदस्यों की संख्या

साढ़े तीन सौ थी और आज केवल वह डेढ़ सौ रह गयी है। क्यों इसी विचारधारा व नीति पर आपको गर्व है। तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब डेढ़ सौ में केवल आप पंद्रह रह जाएँगे और शायद शून्य पर भी आप पहुँच जाएँ। आपकी विचारधारा आपको सुवारिक हो। जिस विचारधारा के चलते आपने देश की यह दुर्दशा की है यह आपको ही सुवारिक हो। आपने कहा है कि एमरजेंसी की बात बार बार न कही जाए। एमरजेंसी की वजह से जनता ने आपको एक बहुत अच्छा सबक सिखा दिया है। उसने आपको इस जगह पर पहुँचा दिया है। मैं समझता हूँ कि तीस वर्षों के पापों का यह परिणाम है जो कि आप इस स्थिति में पहुँच गए हैं। यह कौन सी विचारधारा है कि बिडला साहब को कागज तीन सौ रुपये प्रति टन खर्च करके तैयार करते हैं उसके आप सात हजार रुपये टन के भाव से जनता को दिलाते हैं यह कौन सी विचारधारा है कि चीनी मिला के मालिक 1400 रुपये खर्च करते एक टन चीनी बनाते हैं और उसी चीनी को आप 5500 रुपये प्रति टन के भाव से जनता को दिलाते हैं? दूसरी ओर जो किसान दो सौ रुपया खर्च करके एक बिटल गेहूँ पैदा करता है उसकी कीमत आप उसको 105 रुपये दिलाते हैं। यह कौन सा दर्शन है, कौन सी विचारधारा है यह मेरी समझ में नहीं आता है। इसी विचारधारा के और दर्शन के चलते आपने देश के 78 प्रतिशत किसानों को तबाह कर दिया है, उनको भूखों रहने पर विवश कर दिया है, उसके जान बच्चों को दाने दाँतों के लिए मुहताज कर दिया है।

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI. Do you mean to say that the price of sugar cane should be increased?

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री : मझे को कोमल और रिक्करी को जोड़ कर के मैंने आपको बताया है।

[श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री]

हुआ दे व लगान का दुगुना दे, लेकिन उसको आपन अनाज की उचित कीमत न मिले । यह आपके राज्य में इतने दिना तक चलता रहा । इस कृषि प्रधान देश में किसानों को आपने तबाह कर दिया, कितने झूठे वायदे आपने किये ? आपने एमजेंसी के दौरान बड़े-बड़े उद्योगपतियों को बड़ी-बड़ी रियायतें और छूट दी हैं । इनकम टैक्स की जो उच्चतम दर थी, उसको आपने नीचे गिराया । बड़े इनकम टैक्स देने वाला को फायदा पहुंचाने के लिये आपने उसकी सीमा को घटाया, उसे नीचे लाये । लेकिन जिस किसान को जिसको खेती के लिये एक एक बूंद पानी के लिये तरसना पड़ता है उसको आपन क्या रियायतें दीं । ग्राम विकास कर उनसे वसूल हो रहा है । आन्ध्र, तमिऴनाडु वगैरा सब जगहों में किसानों के साथ यह अन्याय हुआ है । जहाँ सिंचाई का टैक्स 3 रुपये होता था, उसकी जगह 20 रुपये लिया जा रहा है । ग्राम विकास कर अलग लगे हैं, बिजली का टैक्स अलग कई गुना बढ़ा दिया गया है । किसान के उपयोग में आने वाली सब चीजें रोज-ब-रोज महंगी हो रही हैं लेकिन उस का अनाज का दाम घट रहा है । रिजर्व बैंक से को-ऑपरेटिव बैंकों के लिए ढाई परसेंट ब्याज पर रुपया दिया जाता है लेकिन किसान से 15 परसेंट ब्याज वसूल लिया जाता है । यदि किसान को रुपया वापस करने में एक दिन का भी विलम्ब हो जाये तो उस से 3 परसेंट दंड ब्याज प्रतिरिक्त वसूल किया जाता है । इस प्रकार किसान से तो 18 परसेंट ब्याज वसूल किया जाता है जबकि करोड़पति उद्योगपतियों को किसान वारपोरेशन से 4 परसेंट ब्याज पर रुपया दिया जाता है ।

भूतपूर्व वित्त मंत्री ने कहा है कि देश में जगह-जगह 45 फ़ीसद रिजर्व बैंक, दहावी क्षेत्रीय बैंक खाने पड़े हैं । मैं उन बैंकों की स्थिति से परिचित हूँ । वह न तो

ता य बैंक गरीबों को मदद देने के लिए खोले गये हैं, लेकिन एक भी गरीब को उन से मदद नहीं मिली है । इन बैंकों द्वारा कहा जाता है कि जिस के पास जमीन जायदाद है और जमानत दे सके, उसी को कर्जा मिल सकेगा । इस देश में सात करोड़ भूमिहीन खेतिहर भजदूर हैं, जिन के पास रहने के लिए मकान बनाने तक भी जमीन नहीं है जिन के फूस के झोंपड़ों को भी पिछली सरकार ने बलुडोजर चला कर गिरा दिया था । उन लोगों को तो एक पैसा भी ऋण नहीं मिल सकता है । पिछली सरकार ने नीति और विचारधारा के कारण देश की यह स्थिति हुई है ।

सरकारी आकड़ा के अनुसार इस देश में 23 प्रतिशत बड़े किसानों के पास देश की 70 फीसदी जमीन है और 77 फीसदी किसानों के पास केवल 30 फीसदी जमीन है । पिछली सरकार कृषि भूमि का सीमा बानून बिल्कुल बोंगस और ग्राइम्बर मात्र है । इस नीति और विचारधारा से जनता ने छुटकारा लिया । मैं श्री चव्हाण से कहूंगा कि वह जरा धीरे में अपना चेहरा देख लें । बिहार में जिन 200 व्यक्तियों के प्राण उन की सरकार द्वारा गोली चरसा कर लिये गये हैं और तुलसीदास जी जिन लोगों के खून से उनकी सरकार ने हाली खनी है वही उन का खून तो उन के मुँह पर नहीं लगा हुआ है । जल में जिन 150 मागूम और निरीह व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई है, वही उन के कानक का टीका तो उन के माथे पर नहीं लगा हुआ है । अभी भी समय है कि वह समझें कि देश की जनता क्या चाहती है और देश में क्या हवा है ।

मरे भूबल्लता न अभी एक बहुत सतत और आपत्तिजनक बात नहीं है । उन्होंने कहा है कि यह सरकार हिंसा के जनता का प्रतिनिधित्व नहीं करती है । यह

बात कहने की उन की हिम्मत कैसे हुई ? क्या उन को याद है कि 1952 में आंध्र के एक बड़े हिस्से, केरल और तामिलनाडू से कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के काफी लोग जीते थे । उस वक्त क्या यह कहा जा सकता था कि पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू और उन की पार्टी हिन्दुस्तान का प्रतिनिधित्व नहीं कर रही थी । अगर वह देश को एक मानने हैं, तो उनको मानना चाहिए कि देश के बहुमत और देश के बहुत बड़े हिस्से ने जनता पार्टी को स्वीकार किया है । इस लिए यह कहना कि जनता पार्टी इस देश का प्रतिनिधित्व नहीं करती है, जनता का घोर अपमान करना है । जनता इस को कभी बर्दाश्त नहीं करेगी । जनता ने अपनी किस्मत जनता पार्टी को सौंपी है ।

बन्हाण साहब ने विदेश नीति के सबध में भी कुछ बातें कही हैं कि आप ने गुट निरपेक्षता की नीति को स्वीकार किया है, यह आप ने बहुत अच्छा किया है । यह बात उन्होंने कही इस के लिए मैं उनको धन्यवाद दूंगा । किसी एक बात के लिए तो उन्होंने स्वीकारा कि हमने सही कदम उठाया । लेकिन बन्हाण साहब इस बात को समझ लें कि आप की जैसी गुट निरपेक्षता की नीति जनता पार्टी नहीं स्वीकार करती । आप की गुट निरपेक्षता क्या थी ? आप की गुट निरपेक्षता यह थी कि चिची में अगर अमेरिका ने परीक्षा रूप से प्रलेखों को हत्या करवायी तो उस की तो आप ने निन्दा की लेकिन जब रूस ने जेकोस्लोवाकिया पर हमला कर के दुश्चेक की सरकार को गिराया, उस की निन्दा आप ने नहीं की आप मान रहे । क्या यही तटस्थता की नीति है ? यह गुट निरपेक्षता है ? जिस समय हंगरी में काफी पहले रूस ने जा कर इजें नेगी को गिराया उस समय आप की उस समय की सरकार ने भी उस की निन्दा नहीं की । अगर अमेरिकन व पनामा पर या मेक्सिको

पर कोई अपना अधिकार जताए या उस समय पुर्तगाल की सालाजार की सरकार के अगर मोडम्बिक और घोगोवा पर अपना अधिकार जमाये रही तो वे सात्र ज्यवादी थे लेकिन चीन ने जब तिब्बत पर हमला किया तो आप की सरकार ने तिब्बत पर चीन की सूझरेनटी को, उस की सार्वभौम सत्ता को स्वीकार कर लिया, यही आप की गुट निरपेक्षता थी ? इस को गुट निरपेक्षता कहते हैं ? यही कारण था कि जब श्रीलंका में इस बार गुट निरपेक्ष देशों का शिखर सम्मेलन हुआ उस समय जब श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी वहां गईं तो वहां अनेक देशों के प्रमुखों ने इस बात को कहा कि हिन्दुस्तान को हम गुट निरपेक्ष देश नहीं मानते । यह इन के मुंह पर बहुत बड़ा तमाचा था । जो देश कभी इस बात का झुका कर सकता था कि वह गुट निरपेक्ष देशों का प्रगुवा है, पिछले कुछ दिनों में और पिछले कुछ वर्षों में बन्हाण साहब, आप की सरकार ने उस गुट निरपेक्षता को तिलांजलि दे दी थी । जनता पार्टी की सरकार गुट निरपेक्षता को मानती है वह सही माने में गुट निरपेक्षता की नीति को स्वीकार करती है । अगर बिम्बाब्वे में, नामीबिया में और दक्षिण अफ्रीका में जन-अधिकारों का हनन होता है या बहा जनता के अधिकारों की निर्मम हत्या की जाती है तो आप की पुरानी सरकार ने उस की निन्दा की । यह ठीक किया, बहुत ठीक किया । लेकिन जेको-स्लोवाकिया, रूमानिया और रूस में जब वहां के बुद्धिजीवियों के मानवीय अधिकारों का हनन किया जाता है तो उस के लिए आप की श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी कभी नहीं बोली ? क्या कभी उन्होंने उस रूस व जेकोस्लोवाकिया के उन लोगों का सम्पर्क किया जो मानव अधिकारों के लिए सपर्ष कर रहे हैं ? जेकोस्लोवाकिया के कुछ लोगो ने जो चार्टर-1977 तैयार किया जिस पर वहां के अनेक बुद्धिजीवियों के हस्ताक्षर हैं उस के लिए उन लोगों को देश से बाहर

निकाला गया क्या इस के लिए चेक सरकार की निंदा श्रीमती गांधी ने कभी की ? हम में वैज्ञानिकों को बाहर निकाला गया, वहां के यहूदी अगर अपने आचार व्यवहार के लिए धार्मिक सम्मेलन करना चाहते थे तो उन को रोका गया, निकाला गया क्या इस की निंदा आप की श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी ने कभी की ? इस को हम गूट निःपेक्षता की नीति नहीं मानते । हम तो जनता पार्टी की सरकार से यह निवेदन करेगे और हम पूर्ण विश्वास है कि मेरी पार्टी की सरकार . . . (व्यवधान) . . .

MR CHAIRMAN The time is over Only one minute

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री : मैं तो अभी बोल रहा हूँ, मैं आप से चाहूँगा कि मुझे कुछ समय और दिया जाये । (व्यवधान) . . . अगर समय हो गया है तो . . . (व्यवधान) . . .

MR CHAIRMAN I am sorry, time is over He may continue tomorrow The House stands adjourned and we will reassemble tomorrow the 1st of April at 11 A.M.

1805 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Friday, April, 1, 1977/Chaitra 11, 1899 (Saka)

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Friday, April 1 1977/Chaitra 11 1899
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri S B Shah (Khari)

Suri Madhav Prasad Tripathi (Domaganj)

Shrimati Kamala Bahuguna (Phulpur)

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Re opening of Jute Mills in West Bengal

5461 SHRI BHIRENDRANATH BASU Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the closed jute mills of West Bengal will be reopened or taken over by Government, and

(b) whether Government are considering to provide or make arrangement for adequate compensation for the unemployed workmen of the closed jute mills?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) and (b) A Statement
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ment is laid on the Table of the House

Statement

The Jute Industry is one of the major organised industries of the country and occupies a significant position in the national economy. Although its share in the country's export trade has of late declined for various reasons, it still holds a pre-eminent position and accounts for a sizable portion of the country's dollar earnings. With about 43,000 looms installed in 74 units the industry accounted for about 32 per cent of world production and about 46 per cent of world export of jute goods in 1974. The total capital employed in the industry is of the order of Rs. 300 crores approximately generating employment to approximately two and half lakh workers. Moreover cultivation of jute provides a living to nearly forty lakh farm families.

To a large extent, the jute industry depends for its health on the external market. Of late our foreign jute market has shrunk to a disturbing extent. Besides recession competition from synthetics and other jute exporting countries added to the difficulty of the industry. The lack of investment for modernisation research and development and outdated family based management system are some of the well known causes of the present situation of the jute industry. Due to various reasons, the jute industry has been passing through a serious situation.

As on the 30th December, 1976 the following jute mills lay affected by work stoppage

1 Khardah Jute Mill.

2 Union Jute Co

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Bharat Jute Mill.

4 Waverly

5 Naffar Chandra.

6 Alexandra

7 Kelvin

8 Rai Bahadur Hurdutrai Motilal Jute Mill having resumed production on 18-10-1976 again was affected by work stoppage with effect from the 20th December, 1976

On the 30th December, 1976, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. K. Kaul, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce was formed for ensuring that closed jute mills, capable of being reopened, would start functioning. The Committee has gone into the cases of work stoppage and has been making a case by case study of the problems of the affected jute mills.

Kelvin Jute Mill and Waverly Jute Mill resumed production with effect from 1-2-1977 and 31-1-1977 respectively. Moreover, Kinnison Jute Mill, which was almost on the verge of closure, has also been revived.

The Committee has been holding series of meetings and is trying to tie up all financial arrangements required for reopening the affected jute mills. The work of the Committee has been further activated. Dialogues have been held by the Committee with the Banks concerned as also with the Industrial Re-construction Corporation of India, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Industrial Development Bank of India and the Reserve Bank of India. It has been generally agreed, in principle, that in viable cases, start up expenses and additional margin requirements would be provided by the Industrial Re-construction Corporation of India. It has further been agreed, in principle, that working capital requirements would be provided by the concerned commercial banks and that capital requirements for modernisation, re-

novation, balancing etc will be provided by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India. The cases of reopening Khardah Jute Mill, Union Jute Company and Alexandra Jute Mill are in advanced stage of consideration.

The State Government of Bihar has been requested to examine the viability of Rai Bahadur Hurdutrai Motilal Jute Mill so that they may obtain institutional finance for reopening the same jute mill, in case it is found viable.

Negotiations have been initiated for arranging some concessional finance for restarting Naffarchandra Jute Mill.

The question relating to grant of admissible reliefs to the industrial workers affected by work stoppage falls within the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments.

SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU
May I know whether the Government is considering giving any compensation to unemployed workmen, who remain unemployed due to closure of jute mills in West Bengal?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA I have said in the statement that five jute mills are closed in West Bengal and one jute mill in Bihar. All efforts are being made by the government to see that the mills which are now closed resume work. It is in this connection that I referred to the committee which has been appointed under the chairmanship of Shri Kaul. The House will be happy to know that Waverly Mill had started working on 31 January 1977 and Kelvin Mill on 1 February 1977. Besides Khardah Jute Company, Alexandra and Union Jute Company are in an advanced stage of negotiations because the public financial institutions have agreed to come forward in respect of those mills and we are trying our best so that employees would not suffer and

production of jute also would not suffer

SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU

Will the Minister be pleased to probe into the causes of closure of jute mills in West Bengal?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA Sir, I said in my reply that lack of investment for modernisation, research and development and out-dated family based management system are some of the well-known causes for the present situation of the jute industry and it shall be the endeavour of my Ministry to go into the whole thing

SHRI CHITTA BASU Are the Government aware of the fact that the jute industry in West Bengal is in severe crisis and would the Government make any assurance that they would make an in-depth study of the crisis of the jute industry? Of course the previous Government had appointed a committee of this nature and it did not bring in any fruitful results. Would the hon Minister be pleased to state whether there is another Committee going to be appointed which will go into crisis in this industry and suggest remedial measures? My second question is whether the Government proposes to nationalise the industry as a whole in the interests of the workers, in the interests of the jute growers and in the interest of the country's economy? Whether it is also a fact that about 80,000 workers in the jute industry have lost their jobs during the last few months? What relief the Government proposes to give to these people who have lost their jobs? Whether it is also a fact that a large number of Badli workers are working in the industry? What steps the Government proposes to take to employ them on a permanent basis in the industry?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA Sir, so far as the working of the Committee is concerned it will be a great injustice to the Committee to say that they

have not done any job. I am thoroughly satisfied with their work and since I took charge of the Ministry, I activated the working of the Committee itself and in this connection, we have contacted some public financial institutions. This is the first time that the public financial institutions have come together to help this industry, particularly the jute mills. Regarding the nationalisation of jute mills there is no such proposal before the Government. My friend would agree with me that by nationalising jute mills, all these problems cannot necessarily be solved because the issues and the reasons are quite different. Regarding relief to workers, I do have all my sympathies so far as the workers are concerned. I wish that early steps had been taken by the previous Government when the apprehensions regarding the closure of the mills were there. Unfortunately it was not done. However this House will appreciate that labour matters of this industry is under the jurisdiction of the State Governments and not under the Central Government. Regarding 'badli' workers it is for the State Governments to take into consideration how many badli workers are working there. However, I can assure the House that I shall take up this issue with the State Governments so that these workers do not suffer.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA Sir, both my hon. friends are considering that the jute industry problems are the problems of West Bengal only. But it is the problem of whole of India because it is a large foreign exchange earning industry and it is also maintaining thousands of labourers in Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. And in view of the crisis there seems to be a belief that there had been a huge unemployment in jute in India in the erstwhile Congress Ministry. That had created a kind of suspicion there. It is also noted that certainly anti-

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cial crisis had been created in the jute mills and also in the functioning of the jute Corporation. I would like to know whether the government would institute enquiries at two levels. The first enquiry should be to see whether there has been any underhand dealings with the jute magnates for the collection of funds for the election as well as party funds and also whether in dealing with the Jute Corporation a similar thing happened. That is one cycle. The second cycle is that the committee which has been appointed should be reoriented or reorganised with mostly experts to go into the details about the nature of the crisis and suggest solutions not only to save the industry but also to enhance the production as well as jute cultivation in West Bengal.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA As I said this is one of the major industries of our country. Unfortunately the countries which used to import jute from us have started using synthetic materials instead of jute. That is one basic reason for the demand going down. There is also a tendency in the world today to handle in bulk and naturally articles like foodgrains and others are carried through holds. In retail packaging lot of plastics are used. That is why the demand has gone down. About internal consumption, we are trying our best to see that the jute industry does not suffer for lack of demand. The other problem is about per-acre yield. There were not much efforts made to have better yield. The yield is about 1100 lbs per acre. If we can increase the yield, it may be possible to take care of the prices and also ensure that the mills get adequate raw material. We are aware of the problems of the industry. About underhand dealings and collection of funds, we shall have to go into it. I cannot say offhand anything today. I shall certainly go into this aspect. About the committee, I can assure the House

that the Kaul Committee has been doing an extremely good job. We shall certainly take the help of expertise that may be needed so that we can modernise the industry and take it out of the crisis that it has been facing.

श्री युवराज . क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री जी यह बताएँ कि बिहार राज्य की सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में धार० बी० एच० एम० जूट मिल्स, कटिहार को शीघ्र अपने अधीन लेने की सिफारिश की है ?

श्री मोहन धारिया . माननीय सदस्य ने जो सवाल उठाया है, उस के बारे में मैं यह बता दूँ कि बिहार गवर्नमेंट के साथ हमारा आइलोन चल रहा है और वहाँ पर जो एच जूट मिल, राय बहादुर हरिदत्त राय मोती लाल जूट मिल, बन्द है, वह शुरू हो सके, इसके लिए हमने कोशिश की है और हम उम्मीद करते हैं कि वहाँ की गवर्नमेंट का सहयोग हमें मिलेगा। हमारी तरफ़ से हमारी जो फार्मिनेशियन इस्टीमेशन है, उस का पूरा सहयोग दिया जाएगा।

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU You are no doubt aware of the fact that 40 lakhs of farmers from Andhra, Bihar, Assam, Orissa and West Bengal are engaged in the jute industry. There are 2½ lakh workers, majority of whom are from Bihar, UP and Orissa, 16 to 17 lakhs are engaged in the trade of jute. 60 to 70 thousand workers have been laid off or retrenched. As of today, I want to know how many mills are really lying closed. On 8th February, 1977 after my release from the black era of emergency I spoke to Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya, the then Commerce Minister and he had promised that he was ensuring opening of at least two mills in the Budge Budge area. What has been done about it?

The IDBI is also going to give soft loan to jute, engineering and textile industry. Is it not a fact that the

Indian Jute Mills Association have paid Rs 2 crores through one of your predecessors during UP elections and Rs. 5 crores in the current elections

The trouble had been the greed for maximum profit Rs 100 crores have been given for modernisation. What is modernisation? Modernisation means shrinkage of job opportunities. Will this be suitable in our conditions?

Export duty is virtually abolished. They have purchased it under pressure. Jute is one of the highest foreign exchange earning commodity. Therefore, regarding reinstatement of those who have been laid off, you cannot shrink the responsibility because you reap the harvest. The money that is earned through foreign exchange comes through the central exchequer. You cannot pass on the liability to the State Government. You have to intervene in the matter.

About compensation to the workers to cover debt for survival, what are you going to do about it? They are living in semi starvation conditions. Many have become destitutes and they are on the streets. The only remedy is nationalisation of jute mills. There is a very interesting report from Dedham laboratory in the United States which has said that jute could be processed to make it fit for human garments. Why that report has been shelved? And why that report has not been implemented?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA Regarding information about the present jute mills, the production, number of workers employed and all that, if the hon. Member refers to the statement which has been laid on the Table of the House by me in its first para, it contains lot of information. Anyway, I cannot prevent Mr Bosu from making the statement while he is asking a supplementary

I have already said that nationalisation of jute industry is not the solu-

tion to the present crisis. The issues are quite deep. Presently while facing the marketing problem particularly in the foreign areas because of the use of synthetic instead of jute, I do agree with Mr Bosu that all possible efforts shall have to be made so that along with the use of new science and technology jute is converted for some other purposes so that the demand and the markets could be propounded up.

Regarding relief to workers I have said that we are sympathetic and I entirely agree that this problem shall have to be resolved as early as possible. It shall be my endeavour and I can assure the House that out of these 3 mills which are laid down 30.12.76 at least six mills will be operating within the next three or four months. That shall be my endeavour. But the problem will be regarding the raw material. My friend Mr Bosu is very well aware that the raw material shall be available from July onwards particularly from September/October onwards. Till that time we have no buffer stock and no imports are possible. I have examined that possibility also. Let us be realistic to the problem. Anyway, I assure that I have all my sympathies so far as workers are concerned. If we resume the working of the mills, we can solve the problem to a great extent. Regarding interim relief, I shall request the Labour Minister of the Central Government to take up this matter with the State Government.

SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI

May I know from the Minister whether, as a result of the closure of jute mills, our exports of jute and jute goods have declined? If so what is the amount of loss suffered so far?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA Our exports have not declined because of the closure of the mills. They have declined because there is no demand in the foreign market.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU It is so because it is being manipulated.

श्रीमती बसन्तदेवी सिंह : मूट से मैं इस
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वे दोनों जो सरकारी इमारत बनाने के लिए
उपयोग में आ रहे हैं ?

प्रश्नकर्ता महोदय यह प्रश्न सरकारी नहीं उत्तर
है । प्रश्नकर्ता को यह भी उत्तर देना पड़ेगा ।
The Minister will answer you, but it
has no bearing on this question.

श्रीमती बसन्तदेवी सिंह : मांग को बढ़ाने
के लिए पोलिशिंग के जो सरकारी इमारत
इसमाल करते हैं, उनको बन्द किया जा सकता
है । निम्न बन्द हो रही हैं । यह बहुत दम्पटेंट
सवाल है ।

श्री मोहन धारिया : हमारा प्रश्न एक्स्पोज़र
बड़े इमारतों के लिए जो एक्स्पोज़र इस्तेमाल
होती है वह भी एक्स्पोज़र कर दिया गया है ।
दूसरी बात यह है कि पूरा दुनिया में अगर
सिमेंट का इस्तेमाल होता है सिमेंट के लिए
भी होता है, पट्टादर के लिए भी होता
है तो अगर मूट का इस्तेमाल करने के लिए उसमें
सिमेंट है या पट्टादर है उसका काफी
नुकसान होता है । यह भी हम खयाल रखना
होगा । पूरी बात को ध्यान में रख कर हम काम
करना होगा । जब दहली में जूट का
उत्पादन बड़े स्तर पर जो काम चल रहा
है वह हम करते रहेंगे ।

(Interruption)

MR. SPEAKER The question is
about West Bengal.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA
My question is very simple Mr
Mohan Dharja is a knowledgeable
person, I know His predecessor
Mr. Deva Prasad Chattopadhyaya,

made a categorical statement on
the floor of this House just before
dissolution of Lok Sabha that the
Khardah jute mill will be re-opened.
A question was put to him and he
gave a reply May I ask the Minister
whether his predecessor has run
away with the fact? If the files are
available with the new Minister, he
may consult them and take steps
immediately I know that he has
already committed to this that within
4 months 6 mills will be re-opened.
May I appeal to him kindly to see
that the Khardah mill is re-opened
within a month, and not 6 months?
The new Minister should not follow
in the footsteps of his predecessor of
simply expressing pious wish and
thereby food-wink the people

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA. From my
little experience I can say that even
though Mr. Chattopadhyaya is no
more in the Ministry, the files are
available in the Ministry I would
be glad to start the mills as early as
possible But there are several inher-
ent difficulties I can tell them. The
matter regarding one mill has gone to
the High Court

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA
Regarding Khardah mill I can tell you
that the case is no longer in the High
Court

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA I am
quoting several difficulties that are
there and in one case the liquidation
proceedings are there We are telling
the States that they should not be
liquidated. So naturally, now we
shall have to go to the High Court.
In the case of other mills, it is not a
question of finance so much Those
mills require repairs. They are old
mills. There should be replacement
of everything, right from the manage-
ment. There are several questions
Without applying my mind to all
those problems, I am not really going
to pump the money of the people into
these jute mills. But I can assure my
hon friends that all possible care will
be taken to see that the jute mills

which are closed, start as expeditiously and early as possible. But we should not do anything in haste because of which we will again be the sufferers.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY
The Minister has correctly stated that one of the causes for the closure of the mills is that there is no demand for jute goods in foreign countries. I want to know what sort of arrangements he is making so that there will be a good market for jute goods abroad. Secondly, Shri Samar Guha has said that we have got suspicion about some people making some money. I want to know whether he has got any definite information about it which he can supply to the House.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA I have mentioned in my statement

"That lack of investment for modernisation, research and development and out-dated family-based management system are some of the well known causes of the present situation of the jute industry."

I have not stated that the jute mills have closed because the foreign markets have gone down. I have not made any such statement. Secondly, regarding the malpractices, it shall be my endeavour to go into them. But, as the hon. Member is well aware, all these under-hand dealings are carried out without any evidence. So, it is very difficult to find them out because of want of evidence. What we can do is to take care of them for the future.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA
What can the Minister here do when the Minister in the State is hand in glove with the Jute Mill Owners' Association?

MR. SPEAKER No, Mr. Bhattacharya, this is not the way to ask a question.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA
It is a fact. If you will kindly permit me, I will prove that it is a fact.

MR. SPEAKER Will he kindly sit down? Even if it is a fact it cannot be raised like this between the two Members. There is a procedure for that in the House.

श्री उपसेन : माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस बात को देखते हुए कि पश्चिम बंगाल की जूट मिलों का उत्पादन ठीक से नहीं हो रहा है क्या मंत्री जी अपनी सरकार की नीति की स्पष्ट घोषणा करेंगे कि इन तमाम मिलों का जो पश्चिम बंगाल तथा दूसरे प्रान्तों में हैं उनका तत्काल राष्ट्रीयकरण किया जायगा ?

श्री मोहन धारिया : मैं ने तो बता दिया है कि केवल राष्ट्रीयकरण करने से यह समस्या हल नहीं होगी और जो कारण मैं ने अपने स्टेटमेंट में बताये हैं उन के आधार पर इस बात का ध्यान रखते हुए कि जूट इंडस्ट्री हमारे देश की बड़ी इंडस्ट्री है हमारी पूरी कोशिश रहेगी कि यह इंडस्ट्री धागे बड़े ।

I am not going into the question whether previously one Minister was hand in glove with the Jute Mill Owners' Association. But this House can rest assured that, so far as this Government is concerned, there will not be any sort of under-hand dealing as in the past. In fact, I have already started operations to clean the Commerce Ministry, which has got some notorious name outside. I can assure this House further more that not only in the case of the officers but also the industrialists or the exporters, if they try to play any unfair practice all possible care will be taken to see that they do not have any place in the Commerce Ministry, they do not get any co-operation from the Commerce Ministry. The House can rest assured of that.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA In the course of his reply, the hon. Minister has stated that the States have got a

[Shri K. Lakkappa]

certain responsibility. So, I would like to know the attitude of the Government towards the financial assistance required by the States from the Centre for easing the situation there.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA I have already stated that this question is related to the sick jute mills. We have already discussed the matter with the public finance institutions. It is the first time perhaps that they have come forward, as they have done in the case of the textile industry or the engineering industry to give proper assistance to these sick jute mills. To that extent all possible co-operation will be given to these mills and the State Governments, and no party politics will come between the State and the Centre as in the past.

श्री सखन लाल कपूर : बिहार में 30 फीसदी जूट पैदा होता है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि बिहार के राय बहादुर हरदत्त चमरिया जूट मिल को सरकार अपने हाथ में लेने के लिये क्या कोई समय निर्धारित करेगी ?

विधानमंडल और फारवेंसगंज में सरकारी जूट मिल खोलने के लिये शिलान्यास हो चुका है, इन दोनों स्थानों पर अब तक मिल खोलने की व्यवस्था होगी ?

जो मिल बन्दी और मन्दी के कारण जूट उत्पादकों को घाटा हा रहा है, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार एम० टी० सी० के माध्यम से उनकी जूट खरीद कर क्या उनके घाटे को पूर्ति की व्यवस्था करेगी ?

श्री मोहन धारिया : माननीय सदस्य के सवाल का जवाब मैंने पहले ही दे दिया है। बिहार गवर्नमन्ट के साथ हमारी बातचीत चल रही है। कि बहुत पर जो जूट मिल बन्द है वह कैसे जल्दी से जल्दी चालू हो सकते हैं। इसकी ओर हमारी बात रही है।

SHRI T. A. PAI In view of the fact that jute is one of the most important industries of the country employing lakhs of people and that the future of the industry depends upon our international markets, apart from short-term measures that the Government would like to take, I would request them to look into the long-term prospects within three months and prepare a comprehensive plan because so far we have been attending to it in a piece-meal manner to meet expedencies from time to time. It is a question of not only the international markets but also how the internal market can be stimulated and how the industry, which has failed to take advantage of research and development in the course of these years, can meet foreign competition. Would the Government therefore consider not only substitution of old machinery by new machinery but, if necessary, the restructuring of the industry?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA I entirely agree with the hon. Member and I can assure him that with the co-operation of the hon. Member and other Members of the House we would very much like to take care of this industry and take measures in a proper perspective. My Ministry will endeavour to see how we can have that sort of planning.

श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि बीमार जूट मिलों के लिये क्या उन्होंने किसी दबा का धन तक आग्रह किया है जिससे उनकी जल्द से जल्द तन्दुरुस्त बनाया जा सके ? जूट मिलों के बन्द होने से, किसान जो उत्पादन करता है उससे उसकी खेती पर भी असर पड़ता है। अगर जूट मिल बन्द होनी से किसान की हानि भी बढ़ती होगी और उसके परिवार पर भी असर पड़ेगा। बीमार मिल जल्द तन्दुरुस्त हो सके और किसान की खेती भी मुश्किल हो सके और किसान की खेती भी मुश्किल हो सके इसके लिये जल्द कदम उठाने जाने चाहिये।

श्री मोहन धारिया . माननीय सदस्य ने जो सवाल उठाया, मैंने उनका ही जवाब दिया था। मैं फिर कहना चाहता हूँ कि इन बारे में हमारी पूरी कोशिश होगी।

SHRI S KUNDU Mr Speaker Sir, I read the statement of the hon. Minister with great care and attention. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the crisis in Jute Industry would be accounted for to the gains of emergency? The jute industry started facing crisis after June 25th soon after the second emergency was declared and more than 50 jute mills were closed down with the result that about 80 000 workers direct and indirect were thrown out of employment. Concessions amounting to about Rs 16 crores are given to them. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would make a statement regarding this so that we could know what are the gains of emergency? Day before yesterday, there was a report in the Economic Times. According to that report, some more jute mills are going to be closed. I would like to know what is the real state of affairs in this industry? Thirdly, in the statement, in the second paragraph, it is mentioned, "Of late, our foreign jute market has shrunk to a disturbing extent." I think this is a story of about one year back. This story was given by the Ministry of Commerce which administered the department during the emergency. I think the hon. Minister would throw some light on this. I think as usual some officers must have prepared this statement. The facts are not upto date. I would like to know what is the actual position of the entire market?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA So far as this industry and the emergency is concerned perhaps the present state of affairs of the jute industry itself is enough to reflect over the so-called gains of emergency. This industry had suffered badly during the emergency. It has never happened in the

past. So far as the next point regarding some additional mills falling sick is concerned I have taken note of it. If the reference of the hon. Member is towards those jute mills from Andhra where there is a strike I may say that I am equally ignorant because I have read about it this morning. I have called for the reports of the State Governments. I may further add that I am as ignorant as the hon. Member is. As far as your third point regarding the entire position of the market is concerned I have already replied to that point.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER Mr Speaker Sir about 90 000 workers have been retrenched due to the closure of these jute mills. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether any measures will be taken against the owners of these mills for illegally closing these mills? I also want to know from the hon. Minister whether Government will advise the Jute Corporation of India to supply raw jute to the flour mills for reopening of the jute mills?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA That is the reason why the word 'stoppage' of the jute mills has been used in my statement. I have not used the word 'closure'. I do not know whether it is legal or illegal. It is for the State Governments to find out whether the management has closed these mills legally or illegally, whether there was any lay off or not and whether they would pay compensation for it or not. I know nothing about it. I am very much concerned about the stoppage of work which amounts to retrenchment immediately. Regarding the other aspect, I have already explained

श्री मनोहर साहू . मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो बड़ी-बड़ी जूट मिलें बीमार पड़ी हैं, उन की व्यवस्था ठीक करने के साथ साथ क्या सरकार छोटे पैमाने पर जूट उद्योग की तरफ़ी के लिए बंदन उठाएंगी जिस से कारखानों की भी परबरा हुआ ?

श्री मोहन पारिया : यह जूट वारपोरेशन जो हमन पैदा किया है वह एस वाशिंगटन की मदद करने के लिए मोर जूट इस्ट्री का डेवलप करने के लिए किया है। इन का काम जितना घट्टा हुना चाहिए था वह नहीं था। अब यह वारपोरेशन घट्टा काम करेगा ऐसी हम उम्मीद है।

श्री मनोहरलाल : मरा प्रधान साथ नहीं हुआ। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो बीमार मिलें पड़ी हुई हैं उन की व्यवस्था करने के साथ-साथ छोटे मोटे रिमाने पर जूट उद्योग की सरकारी क लिय भी क्या सरकार व्यवस्था करेगी।

MR. SPEAKER We have taken a long time on this short notice Question Because there is no Question Hour, I wanted to be liberal That was why I allowed 40 minutes on this Question When we have Question Hour next week, if we take up time like this on a Question, we will be able to dispose of only one or two Questions. It is not possible. Today, there is no Question Hour and that was why I thought, let all the Members get a chance That is enough

11.40 hrs.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

CERTAIN REMARKS BY SHRI T N KAUL, ON TELEVISION NETWORK IN U.S.A IN JULY, 1975

SHRI JYOTIRMAY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) Mr Speaker, Sir Under Rule 222/223, I have already given notice seeking your consent to raise an issue of privilege The facts of the case are as follows —

On 11-7-75, after the proclamation of Emergency, Shri T N Kaul, the then Indian Ambassador in U.S., presently Chairman, Indian Council for Cultural Relations—I am told he

has resigned today or yesterday—in an interview telecast by the R.B.C., one of the national television network of the USA said

“Political leaders had not been jailed but detained in houses”

This is a gross distortion of truth and it wholly contradicts publications already made in Part II Bulletins of Lok Sabha under your orders and authority notifying arrests and detentions of a number of political leaders in the Opposition. By this action, he has committed a serious breach of privilege of the House as well as of the Members detained in jails.

I, therefore, request that the matter be referred to the Privileges Committee for proceeding further into it

11.40 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER The hon. Minister

श्री मधु लिमये (वाता) . आप मुझे थोड़ा सुन लीजिए। इन पर मैं बातना चाहता हूँ।

MR. SPEAKER I have asked the Minister to reply

श्री मधु लिमये जवाब बाद में दूँगे न ?

MR. SPEAKER That means all the Members can speak on this. I would like to have your assistance and cooperation on this, in future also, in regard to the procedure to be adopted as to whether other Members can speak on a matter of privilege raised by an hon. Member If other Members also participate, then it becomes a debate If I allow Mr. Limaye, I will have to allow Mr. Subramaniam Swamy also and other Members from the other side also Am I to allow all the Members to support him or oppose him?

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं इन दिनों नोटिस नहीं दे रहा हूँ आप की मदद करने के लिए, इसलिए आप मुझे थोड़ा सुन लीजिए ।

MR. SPEAKER I know that लेकिन आप को टाइम देने के बाद तो दूसरे मेम्बरों को भी देना पड़ेगा ।

श्री मधु लिमये वह तो आप को डिसाइड करना है ।

MR. SPEAKER Once I allow him, then others can also speak. I do not mind Let others also speak. Once this is allowed, I will be in trouble I do not want any debate now. The hon. Minister.

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रदल बिहारी बाजपेयी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय मेरे मित्र श्री ज्योतिर्मय बसु ने जो मामला उठाया है उस के बारे में श्री टी० एन० कौल से स्पष्टीकरण मांगा गया था । श्री कौल का कहना यह है कि सच्चाई को तोड़ मरोड़ कर पेश करने का उन का कोई इरादा नहीं था । वे कहते हैं कि वे टेलीविजन पर बात कर रहे थे और उस समय जो जानकारी उन को उपलब्ध थी उस के आधार पर उन्होंने बयान दिया । अपनी सफाई में उन्होंने यह भी कहा है कि श्री ज्योतिर्मय बसु ने जिन पत्रिका मेंटरी बुलेटिन का हवाला दिया है वह बुलेटिन उन्होंने देखी नहीं थी, वह बुलेटिन उनको भेजा नहीं जाता है । (स्वयंप्रधान) श्री कौल का यह भी कहना है कि पूरी जानकारी न होने के कारण जो जानकारी उस समय उपलब्ध थी, वह उन्होंने दी ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, यदि आप देखेंगे तो यह जुलाई, 1975 का मामला है । अपनी सफाई में उनका कहना है कि अगर पूरी जानकारी न देने के कारण किसी को बोट पड़ती हो... (स्वयंप्रधान)

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) One may tell lies for the country but not for an individual (स्वयंप्रधान)

श्री प्रदल बिहारी बाजपेयी : जुलाई तो मैं कह ही रहा हूँ । तो उनका कहना है कि पूरी बात न कहने के कारण अगर किसी को बोट लगी है तो उसको वह बड़ा दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण मानते हैं मगर उनका इरादा गलत बात कहने का नहीं था ।

इसमें मैं एक बात और जोड़ देना चाहता हूँ कि जो कुछ उन्होंने कहा वह तथ्य पर आधारित नहीं था लेकिन उन्होंने किसी विशेषाधिकार का उल्लंघन किया या नहीं किया, इसका फैसला तो अध्यक्ष महोदय, आपको ही करना है ।

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा प्वाइंट ऑफ ऑर्डर है । पहली बार इस देश में गैर बापेसी सरकार जनता द्वारा चुनी गई है । विगत दो वर्षों में जो भी बात इन्दिरा सरकार के द्वारा की गई है उस पर चांदर बिछाने का प्रयास जनता पार्टी की सरकार नहीं करेगी—ऐसा हम लोगों ने बरोखी लोगों को भावनात्मक दिया है । इसलिए मैं अपने लायक मित्र बाजपेयी जी से कहूँ कि आप तो इसके लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं थे लेकिन साथ साथ आप लोग इनको संरक्षण देने का भी प्रयास मत कीजिए ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपका प्वाइंट ऑफ ऑर्डर क्या है ?

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[श्री माधु निमये]

क द्वारा दी गई थी या नहीं तथा क्या कौल साहब अफवार वगैरह पढ़ते हैं या नहीं वगैरह श्री जय प्रकाश नारायण तो इन सदन के सदस्य नहीं हैं लेकिन श्री मारारजी सदस्य थे, क्या वे नेता हैं इसके बारे में कोई शक है, क्या श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी नेता हैं इसके बारे में कोई शक है, छोड़ दीजिए आप मधु निमये और ज्योतिर्मय बसु को, हम तो मामूली आदमी हैं, हमको वे मामूली मानते थे लेकिन श्री मारारजी देसाई और श्री वाजपेयी तो इस सदन के सदस्य थे और ऐसी हालत में उनके द्वारा यह कहना कि मुझे सही जाना नहीं थी—इस पर यह सदन विस्वास करने के लिए तैयार नहीं होगा, यह मैं निश्चित रूप से कहता हूँ। इसलिए आप इस पर जल्दी फैसला करने के बजाये या तो जनरल पर्पोजेज कमेटी बुलायें या कुछ नेताओं को अपन चेम्बर में बुलायें और गहराई से विचार करें। पूरे विदेश मंत्रालय को, इम्फॉर्मेशन ऐंड ग्राह्वान्सिंग मिनिस्ट्री और विदेशी दूतावासों को विरोध पक्ष को बदनाम करने के लिए इस्तेमाल किया गया है। वे हाउस प्रेसट की बात करते हैं लेकिन हमारे साथ क्या क्या बीती है वह जब समय आया तब आप और सदन के सामने पेश करूंगा। आपको इस सवाल को एक साधारण और मामूली सवाल समझ कर नहीं टालना चाहिए। (व्यवधान)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझे एक व्यक्तिगत स्पष्टीकरण देना है। जो वस्तुस्थिति है उसकी मैंने सदन के सामने रखा है। किसी को बचाने का या पाप पर पर्दा डालने का मेरा कोई इरादा नहीं है। जहाँ तक विशेषाधिकार का सवाल है उस पर निर्णय तो आपके हाथ में है उसको मैं नहीं कर सकता। (व्यवधान)

SHRI S. KUNDU (Balasore). On a point of order

SOME HON Members rose—

MR. SPEAKER All the hon. Members may please sit down Point of order is leading to disorder I would request the hon Member. to leave it in my hands, as the hon Minister has said. I am not going to give a ruling here and now I will give my thought to it. I suggest instead of wasting the time of the House if any hon Member can throw light on this to me he can certainly do so in my Chamber I am passing on to the next item

11.51 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

FIRST REPORT OF SARKARIA COMMISSION, MEMORANDUM OF ACTION TAKEN AND STATEMENT re. REASONS FOR NOT LAYING HINDI VERSION OF THE REPORT

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following papers under sub-section (4) of section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1952 —

(i) First Report of the Sarkaria Commission set up to inquire into the allegations against the former Chief Minister and other Ministers of Tamil Nadu (Parts I and II)

(ii) Memorandum of Action taken on the Report (Hindi and English versions)

(2) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the Report. [Placed in library See No LT 20/77]

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH (Hoshangabad) May I ask Sir, whether copies of these important documents will be circulated to Members? Secondly, in regard to item (ii)

Memorandum of Action taken on the Report', does it mean the action taken by this Government or by the predecessor Government?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI Action has not yet been taken. It is being considered

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH On appoint of information Does 'action' mean action taken or proposed to be taken?

MADRAS CITY POLICE (AMDT) Act, 1976
NOTIFICATIONS UNDER BORDER SECURITY FORCE ACT 1968 AND CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORCE (AMDT) RULES, 1977

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy of the Madras City Police (Amendment) Act, 1976 (Presidents Act No 39 of 1976) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 5th November, 1976 under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976 [Placed in library See No LT 21/77]

(2) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub section (3) of section 141 of the Border Security Force Act 1968 —

(i) S O 11(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 6th January, 1977, containing Corrigendum to Notification No S.O. 429(E) dated the 24th June, 1976

(ii) S O 12(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 6th January, 1977 containing Corrigendum to Notification No S.O. 430(E) dated the 24th June, 1976. [Placed in library See No LT 22/77]

(3) A copy of the Central Industrial Security Force (Amendment) Rules, 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 127 in Gazette of India dated the 29th January, 1977, under sub-section (3) of section 22 of the Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968 [Placed in Library See No LT-23/77]

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) On behalf of Shri Prakash Singh Badal I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following Notifications under sub section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955 —

(1) The Sugar (Price Determination for 1976-77 Production) Order 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 887(E) in Gazette of India dated the 19th November 1976

(2) GSR. 892(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd November 1976 containing Corrigendum to Notification No GSR. 815(E) dated the 24th September, 1976

(3) GSR 913(E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 9th December 1976 containing Corrigendum to Notification No GSR. 542(E) dated the 27th October, 1975

(4) GSR. 941(E) (English version) and GSR 942(E) (Hindi version) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd December 1976 containing Corrigenda to Notification No. GSR 887(E) dated the 19th November 1976 [Placed in library See No LT-24/77]

REPORTS UNDER BANKING COMPANIES (ACQUISITION AND TRANSFER OF UNDERTAKINGS) ACT, 1970 AND ANNUAL REPORT OF DELHI FINANCIAL CORPORATION FOR 1975-76

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H

[Shri H. M. Patel]

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[Shri Ravindra Varma]

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(ii) The Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Amendment Bill, 1977

(iii) The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Chandigarh Amendment) Bill, 1977

(iv) The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill 1977

(v) The Delhi Administration (Amendment) Bill, 1977

(vi) The Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Repeal Bill, 1977

(vii) The Food Corporations (Protection of Publication) Bill, 1977

as

(viii) The Food Corporations (Amendment) Bill 1977 as passed by Rajya Sabha.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore) I have gone through the list which has been put before us by the Hon Minister. I am very sorry they have not included an extremely important discussion as far as Tamil Nadu is concerned. Today there is a very wide spread drought there this drought is a perennial problem. Now we are told that 60 per cent electricity cut is also there. It is very important that we have a discussion because there has been wastage of the drought relief money in the past. We want that the drought relief should be directed towards something of a permanent nature. That is why I would like that this should also be discussed next week.

SHRI K. A. RAJAN (Trichur) I am sorry that the issues of Compulsory Deposit Scheme and Bonus are not included in the list. I wish important issues should not be left out. That is why I would like that this should also be discussed next week.

MR. SPEAKER I am myself bringing it to the notice of the Minister.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA (Cannanore) Mr Speaker Sir I have listened carefully to the statement made by the hon. Minister. I would like that there should be short duration discussion on the handloom industry because this industry is facing crisis all over the country, in Kerala particularly. There are thousands and thousands of people who are starving today. That is also the position in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Chirayinkeezh) The hon. Minister has included many items for discussion next week but unfortunately, I could not find any item for a short duration discussion on the scarcity of yarn or the weavers. The people of Kerala are suffering because of the scarcity of yarn and because of its black market. It must be included.

श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र (इलाहाबाद)

प्रधान मंत्री, सत्य कामना जो न जो अपने सप्ताह के लिए कार्य की योजना दी है, उस को मेरे ध्यान से सुना है। हम लोग भारत सरकार के बाद भाष्य में मिलेंगे और तब तक किसानों की गेहूँ की फसल बटन लगेगी और राज्य सरकार उन से गेहूँ की बमूनी गुरु कर दगी। मुझे यह जानकारी मिली है कि भाज, कल और परछी इति मंत्रालय राज्य सरकार के जो प्रतिनिधि हैं, उन के साथ एक बैठक करने जा रहा है और उस में खेती की फसल के बमूल्यारी की क्या कीमत हो, यह तय करने

जा रहे हैं। देश भर का किसान इस सवाल पर बड़ा चिंतित है। इसलिए हम यह चाहेंगे कि इस चीज पर बहम के लिए कोई तरीका या समय निकालें जिस से यहां पर बहस हो सकें और कृषि मंत्री जी इस बारे में वक्तव्य दें क्योंकि जिस तरह से पहले की सरकार यानी कांग्रेस सरकार ने कारखाने द्वारा की जा पैदावार थी उस की तो कीमत बढ़ा कर और किसानों की पैदावार की कीमत को घटा कर बड़ बड़ सरमायदारा और कारखानेदारा से किसानों को लुटवाया है उस से किसानों में बड़ा रोष है। इसलिए इस बारे में बहस होनी चाहिए और किसानों को उचित दाम मिलने चाहिए जिस से देश का किसान यह महसूस कर सके कि उन के लिए कुछ परिवर्तन हुआ है।

MR SPEAKER These are the subjects mentioned by the hon Members. If time permits the Minister will take note of them. I think he would say that.

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA Yes Sir.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) Sir, under

MR. SPEAKER Mr. Bcsu, throughout the day you are taking charge of the House. I do not think, it is proper I do not now how many notices you have given. These are the things you have brought and I have mentioned them. It is not at all good. The House must be allowed to continue to do its work. If you are permanently on your legs, I would sit down and you can be on your legs all the time. I have got the list of the Members and I have called them. Because I have called them, you also want to get up and say something. That is not the way of doing things. Next item.

11.57 hrs.

CALTEX [ACQUISITION OF SHARES OF CALTEX OIL REFINING (INDIA) LIMITED AND OF THE UNDERTAKINGS IN INDIA OF CALTEX (INDIA) LIMITED] BILL*

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide in the public interest for the acquisition of the shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and for the acquisition and transfer of the right title and interest of Caltex (India) Limited in relation to its undertakings in India and thereby to secure that the ownership and control of the petroleum products produced by the Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and marketed and distributed by the said undertakings, in India are so distributed as best to subserve the common good.

MR SPEAKER The question is

That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide in the public interest, for the acquisition of the shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and for the acquisition and transfer of the right title and interest of Caltex (India) Limited in relation to its undertakings in India and thereby to secure that the ownership and control of the petroleum products produced by the Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and marketed and distributed by the said undertakings in India, are so distributed as best to subserve the Common good."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA I introduce the Bill.

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†Introduced with the recommendation of the Vice President Acting as President.

12.00 hrs

STATEMENT RE CALTEX [ACQUISITION OF SHARES OF CALTEX OIL REFINING (INDIA) LIMITED AND OF THE UNDERTAKINGS IN INDIA OF CALTEX (INDIA) LIMITED] ORDINANCE, 1976

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Caltex [Acquisition of Shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and of the Undertakings in India of Caltex (India) Limited] Ordinance 1976 [Placed in Library See No LT 30 77]

12.01 hrs

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

SHRI YASHVANTRAO CHAVAN (Satara) I beg to move

"That Shri Godey Murahari, a member of this House be chosen as the Deputy Speaker of this House"

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) I second it.

MR. SPEAKER. There are no other names before the House

Anyway I will put the motion to the House. The question is

"That Shri Godey Murahari, a member of this House be chosen as the Deputy Speaker of this House."

The motion was adopted

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) I offer my con-

gratulations to Shri Godey Murahari on his election as Deputy Speaker. I hope and trust that he will conduct the proceedings of this House with fairness and in true democratic parliamentary traditions

I assure him of the full co-operation from all members of this House

SHRI YASHVANTRAO CHAVAN May I join in offering my congratulations to the Deputy Speaker Shri Murahari

Shri Godey Murahari is not new to the parliamentary life. Though he is sitting in this House for the first time, he has been a Member of the other House where he has functioned as the Presiding Officer and that too very fairly and effectively and to the satisfaction of all sections of the House. I have no doubt that the same traditions he will continue to maintain and I can assure him, as the Prime Minister did, of our full co-operation.

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE (Howrah) On behalf of my Party the CPI(M) I congratulate Mr Murahari on his being elected unanimously as the Deputy Speaker

I will request Mr Murahari to keep in view the conditions under which he has been elected, the new background of the national situation and the hopes raised in the people. I hope he will prove himself worthy of the expectations raised in the minds of the people. I offer him the full co-operation of our Party in discharging his responsibility

MR. SPEAKER Anybody from AIADMK?

All right Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore) On behalf of CPI I would like to extend our warmest felicitations to Mr Murahari and assure him of our fullest co-operation.

We have had close associations with him outside the House and we are aware of his very affable and equable temperament and I am sure he will bring great dignity to the office he is about to enter upon

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT (Manjeri) On behalf of the Muslim League I would like to extend my greetings and felicitations to Mr Godey Murahari on his election as Deputy Speaker

Shri Murahari is a person of very charming habits and he has discharged his duties as Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha previously I hope he will do justice to all sections and Parties in this House and I convey my greetings to him and wish him all success

MR SPEAKER I am happy to join hon Members in felicitating Shri Godey Murahari on his election as the Deputy Speaker of this august House My congratulations to him. Shri Murahari comes to this House with a rich experience of parliamentary life in the other House

To me personally, it is a matter of satisfaction to have an experienced colleague like Shri Murahari to share the responsibilities of the Chair In parliamentary democracy Presiding officers are naturally expected to maintain high standards of impartiality and integrity in the performance of their duties so as to inspire confidence among all sections of the House and among all members irrespective of their party affiliations. While ensuring the orderly conduct of the business and its timely completion we have to take particular care to see that all sections of the House have adequate opportunity to put forward their view-points and have no legitimate cause for grievance on that count

I again heartily congratulate Shri Murahari and wish him well

SHRI GODEY MURAHARI (Vijaywada) Mr Speaker, Sir, I am deeply grateful to all the colleagues who have just spoken as well to you

I know that as the Deputy Speaker of this House I will have to exercise the utmost impartiality that is expected of a Presiding Officer and I shall endeavour to do so as I did in the other House Let me assure everybody in this House—whether they are sitting on the other side or this side—that as far as I am concerned henceforward I belong to all sections of the House and not to any particular section

As far as you are concerned, I have had some association with you while being in Parliamentary delegations or otherwise and all my experiences has been very pleasant. I know that in the conduct of my duties here as Deputy Speaker you will be guiding me as an elder brother and giving me the utmost affection that I can get from anybody, especially in view of the earlier association that we have had while you were Speaker of this House

We have just passed through one of the greatest experiments in democracy and come out as one of the biggest democracies that have experimental in the general election in a free and fair manner I am sure the will of the people as reflected in this House will be respected by all sections of political opinion. I am sure in the conduct of business in this House we as Presiding Officers have a very onerous task because we have to keep a very delicate balance between what goes on in the House and the aspirations of the people outside. I am very conscious that even while serving as Presiding Officer I must be conscious of the people's aspirations and try to see that this House reflects the aspirations of the people outside And therefore I can assure you with whatever little capacity I may be

[Shri Godey Murahari]

serving here I shall endeavour to keep these ideals in view and try to make the experiment of parliamentary democracy in this country as successful as it should be and I expect all sections of the House would give me their co operation because I know many people sitting on the other side are friends and colleagues with whom I have worked even outside this House. As a matter of fact with many of them I had started my politics and therefore I am very confident that in the conduct of my duties as Deputy Speaker I shall not only get the co operation from the Treasury Benches but also the side to which I belong now. At the same time I am conscious of the fact that it is not always the Opposition that needs protection from the Chair sometimes it is the Treasury Benches—I think many times it is the Treasury Benches that require protection from the Chair because when the Opposition forms the Ministry it is often times the Chair which has to protect the Treasury Benches. I am conscious of all these factors while I take up the duties of the Deputy Speaker.

I once again thank everyone of those who have spoken as also you for felicitations

12.10 hrs.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE ADDRESS BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT—Contd

MR. SPEAKER Now we will take up further discussion on the President's Address. We have taken 4 hours 45 minutes. Hitherto the leaders of the parties were speaking. Naturally I gave them enough time. I did not want to disturb them. But at least from now if we reduce the time limit, and if each Member can take five to ten minutes larger number of people will be able to speak.

To facilitate more new members to have the opportunity to take part in the debate I am suggesting that ten minutes may be taken by each one of you so that large number of members can be accommodated. Mr. Yamuna Prasad Shastri has already taken 26 minutes. I would request him to conclude quickly so that others may get a chance.

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री (रीवा)
माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय कल मैं जब बोल रहा था तो मैंने आप के माध्यम से सदन में यह अनुरोध किया था कि जनता पार्टी की सरकार वैदेशिक मामलों में वास्तविक रूप में गुट निरपेक्षता की नीति को मानगी। लेकिन उस के लिये दो मापदण्ड नहीं होंगे कि कहीं पर अगर मानव अधिकारों का हनन हो तो उस के विरुद्ध तो आवाज उठावें लेकिन अगर दूसरे गुटों के देशों में मानवता की हत्या हो तो उस के लिये हम कुछ न बोलें। इस को हम गुट निरपेक्षता की नीति नहीं मानते। जनता पार्टी की सरकार मानवाधिकारों का हनन का विरोध में अपनी आवाज बुलन्द करेगी चाहे वह कभी ब्लाक के देशों में हो या अमरीकी ब्लाक के देशों में हो। जहाँ पर भी मानवाधिकारों का हनन किया जायगा उसकी गुंज जनता पार्टी की सरकार सारे विश्व के सामने रखेगी और यही सच्ची गुट निरपेक्षता का मापदण्ड रहेगा।

इसके प्रतिरिक्त मैं ने कन प्रतिपक्ष के नेता से यह सुना कि सविधान के 42वें संशोधन में हमारे सदन की प्रभुसत्ता की स्वीकार किया है और उसने हम पोंछे नहीं हटेंगे। यह सुनकर मुझे आश्चर्य हुआ। सदन की प्रभुसत्ता के लिये आप ने 42वें संशोधन में क्या किया है? आप लोगों ने संसद की प्रभुसत्ता की निरंम हत्या की है। पिछले 20 महीनों के अन्दर संसद के द्वारा माननीय सदस्य कुछ बात कहें

[श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री]

क्षितिज पर जो लिखा है, उस को आप अच्छी तरह से देखें और जो हवा का रुख है उस को अच्छी तरह से पहचानें। जनता पार्टी की सरकार जनता की आकांक्षाओं को पूरा करने के लिये सविधान में जो सशोधन करना चाहती है, हम अपेक्षा करेंगे कि आप समय की गति को पहचानेंगे और उस का समर्थन करेंगे।

शासकीय कर्मचारियों के अधिकारों को छीना गया और उन में से कई को मनमाने ढंग से बर्खास्त कर दिया गया और न्यायालय की शरण में जानें से भी उन को रोक दिया गया, क्या आप इस तरह से लोकतन्त्र को अथवा ससद की प्रेरणा को रक्षा करना चाहते हैं? इस तरह के प्रावधानों को यह शासन समाप्त करना चाहता है। मैं अपेक्षा करता हूँ कि आप इन बातों पर गंभीरता पूर्वक विचार करेंगे।

प्रतिपक्ष के नेता ने कहा कि इस देश की जो प्रगति हुई है उस के लिये अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं ने प्रमाण पत्र दिया है। उन्होंने हम से कहा कि इस तरह की बातों की क्या भनदेखी करना चाहते हैं? मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं ने क्या कहा है, इस से इस देश की प्रगति का निष्ठा-जोषा नहीं लगाया जा सकता है। इस देश में क्या प्रगति हुई है इसका आकलन इस देश की जनता करेगी और वह आकलन इस तरह से होता है कि इस देश का जो सब से निचला तबका है, उन लोगों के जीवन में कितना परिवर्तन आया है। इस को भी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं ने देखा है, आप, गलतफहमी में न रहें, विदेशी प्रखारों ने आप की कलाई को धाना है। जिस तरफ आप ध्यान दिलाना चाहते हैं, उस के बारे में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय

संस्थाओं को पता है। आप ने कहा कि हम ने इन्फ्लेशन को, मुद्रास्फीति को समाप्त कर दिया है, आप विदेशी पत्रों और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय संस्थाओं की बात करते हैं उन्होंने भी लिखा है कि कृत्रिम तरीके से मुद्रास्फीति को कम नहीं किया जा सकता है। इस को कम करने के दूसरे तरीके हैं, उत्पादन बढ़ाना चाहिये, लोगों को काम मिलना चाहिये और उन की श्रमशक्ति बढ़नी चाहिये। लेकिन आप ने इस इन्फ्लेशन को दूर करने के लिये क्या तरीके अपनाये हैं, जो गरीब से गरीब मजदूर है, जो मुश्किल से अपना पेट भरता है उस को जो राशि मजदूरी या महगाई भत्तों की मिलती है उस में से कुछ रकम आप न अनिवार्य बचत योजना में, सी० डी० एस० में जमा कर ली है।

इस देश के सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र और निजी क्षेत्र के मजदूरों तथा सरकारी कर्मचारियों आदि छोटे से छोटे आदमियों की आमदनी का एक हिस्सा अनिवार्य जमा योजना में जमा कर दिया गया है। जहां तक कीमतों का सम्बन्ध है, रिजर्व बैंक की रिपोर्ट और वित्त मंत्री महोदय के भाषण से स्पष्ट है कि थाक मूल्य में 12½ प्रतिशत और फूटकर मूल्यों में 35 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है। कीमतें बढ़ी हैं, लेकिन लोगों की आधी आमदनी को कम्पलसरी डिपॉजिट स्कीम में जमा कर दिया या है। इस प्रकार पिछली सरकार ने करोड़ों लोगों को भूखो मरने पर विवश किया है और उन के परिवारों को दशा दयनीय हो गई है। क्या मुद्रास्फीति को कम करने का यही तरीका है?

बेकारी में भी वृद्धि हुई है। अभी सदन में बताया गया है कि छાठ जूट मिलें बन्द हैं, जिस के परिणामस्वरूप ४०,००० मजदूर बेकार हैं। इसी प्रकार टैक्सटाइल मिलों के साथी मजदूर भी बेकार हैं। यह है पिछली सरकार

की आर्थिक नीति और उस के द्वारा अर्थ-व्यवस्था में लाया गया सुधार ।

मैं जनता सरकार से यह अपेक्षा करता हूँ कि वह देश के समुचित विकास की ओर ध्यान देगी । पिछले तीस वर्षों ~ इस देश के कुछ हिस्सों की स्थिति कगाल से भी बदतर हो गई है । कुछ प्रदेश ऐसे हैं जहाँ न सिंचाई न साधन है, न उद्योग धंधे हैं और न कोई रेलवे लाइन है । मुझे आशा है कि जनता सरकार देश के समुचित विकास के लिए विशेष प्रयत्न करेगी ।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण पर पेश किये गये धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव का हार्दिक समर्थन करता हूँ ।

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur)
Mr Speaker, Sir, I watched with rapt attention the participation of new Members and also listened to the speeches of Sarvashri Karpooi Thakur and Hegde

My leader Mr Chavan, has put it very rightly that some of the new Members on the opposite side are our old socialist friends. Some of them are, of course, new friends

Mr Speaker Sir, most of the speakers in their speeches have only blown out the air and dust of the elections and it was a rather pale picture that they have depicted about the policies and programmes of the Janata Party. They have made mostly statements of their election experiences and at the same time they have castigated the good things done by the previous government as according to them, they were bad.

Of course, I appreciate that the new government during its short existence of seven days cannot do much. I can also see that the new Prime Minister has made a categorical statement while assuming office that the verdict of the people will be respected and in accordance with the verdict of the people, that there is no malice, there is

no vindictiveness and there is no prejudice and there is no jealousy. But in most of the speeches, I think most of the members criticised the defects of the previous government and sometimes even accused, in the choicest words, the previous government and its set up. Sir most of our friends on this side are also representatives of the people and the Janata Party has been in existence only since 3-4 months. But here is the Congress Party which has been saddled for the existence and for the freedom of this country and most of the stalwart leaders like Shri Jagjivan Ram and our present Prime Minister were part and parcel of this Congress Party and most of the new members may not be knowing it, but we respect the leader of this House, the Prime Minister

SHRI SURATH BAHADUR SHAH (Kheri) You Congress was born only in 1969

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA With all respect, our Prime Minister, while assuming office has categorically stated that he will not run the Government with the prejudice of the previous government. Sir, most of the Members of that Party have categorically castigated personally the previous Prime Minister and various speakers including the sharp speaker, Shri Hegde have made certain speeches discrediting the accountability and the respectability and whatever the things done by the previous government. I never expected this attitude. I do not know the mind of the Prime Minister, but most of the Members must know what the assurance given by the hon Prime Minister to this House is. Sir, they have charged that the Congress Party has ruined this country, the Congress Party is responsible for mutilation of the Constitution and all these things.

MR. SPEAKER Mr Lakkappa, there is a clarification.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) I have not given any blanket assurance of any kind. I only said that there will be no witch hunting, there will be no vengeance and we are not going to do anything deliberately against anybody. But if any complaints come, we will have to go into them. More than that, when the hon. Members and even the Leader of the Opposition call the Janata Party an animal, how do they expect my colleagues here not to take notice of it?

MR. SPEAKER Mr. Lakkappa, I don't think anybody has anything to say personally against the ex-Prime Minister. Certainly not. They will have to criticise the policies and they have criticised. There is nothing wrong in that. I have heard the speeches. Personal attack was not at all there. About the policy that was followed and all that, they said it was a wrong policy. But there was no personal attack. We shall not allow that. Mr. Lakkappa, go ahead with your speech.

SHRI SURATHI BAHADUR SHAH
On a point of information, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER How can the Chair give you information?

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA Sir, the President's Address has given or painted a very gloomy picture about it and it could not spell out what is the policy, the programme and the ideology of the Janata Party because I know the inner contradictions of the Janata Party consisting of these people. They have got a lot of contradictions themselves. Of course Mr. Patel has also stated that this is not the policy and philosophy of their party, but they have presented a Budget which was prepared by the previous Government and have done so only as a constitutional requirement. Therefore, Sir, I do not want to comment on it.

Sir, regarding the President's Address, should it not reflect the real

picture and the programme which is envisaged or likely to be envisaged by the present Government? It should bring out all that they had inspired and pictured in their manifesto. Even that has not been made clear in the President's Address. Why? My friend Hegde said that nothing had been done, I should like to quote the figures to show the achievements of the twenty-point economic programme. (Interruptions) You must give credit to the good things that were done by the previous government. As Mr. Subramaniam pointed out yesterday, if you want to demolish the entire image of the country, you may do so. The hon. Prime Minister said that the attitude of the present government would not be a vindictive one or prejudicial to the nation. I am glad about that. Our Leader had also assured him that wherever possible there will be co-operation and constructive opposition. You cannot say that there was no discipline, no production or no achievement during the Emergency, and that the 20-point programme was a farce. The index of production for basic industries rose from 91.3 to 102.7 in 1973-76. There was a 12-point rise in coal production, 15.3-point rise in fertilisers. So, you cannot say that there were no economic achievements and there were only Emergency and black laws. In your opinion there may have been black laws. But a verdict in our favour has been given in the south. Do you think the votes in the South are not angels and all the voters in the north are all angles. Emotional considerations might have been there in the north and they might have upset the elections.

12.33 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

We believe in democracy, socialism and secularism and there will be further elections also, this is not

the first time that I am here, I am here and this is the third time. Steel production increased by 179 cement production by 17 points power generation by 13.2 crude oil by 9.8 and aluminium by 50.3 points, and vanaspathi by 40. They were referring to black laws. What are the black laws? There was ceiling on agricultural land and surplus land was distributed in the country. I know my friend Karpuri Thakur, he represents the minorities in Bihar, he was in my party earlier. He is a very respectable leader and he says that no land was distributed. Here is a report which says that the total number of returns filed under the ceiling laws was about 13.21 lakhs, seven lakhs of cases have been disposed leading to the declaration of 17.85 lakh acres of land as surplus land.

Let the total number be 5 lakhs or 10 lakhs or 17 lakhs. But you will agree that land reforms have taken a deep root in this country. Are they not progressive measures? There is no use discrediting the previous Government and the previous leader for bringing forward social legislations like these. Many hon. Members would agree with me that social legislation like land reforms etc. is a great achievement. 57 per cent of the total population in this country are living below the poverty line and they are rural based. They have been for the first time given house sites and other facilities during the Congress Government rule under the leadership of Shrimati Indira Gandhi. You are aware that there is no problem of house sites in Manipur, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Diu and Daman, Lakshadweep and Mizoram. In the remaining States, about 68 lakh house sites have been allotted to the landless and weaker sections. In States like Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, UP and the Union Territories of Chandigarh and Delhi, allotment of house sites has just been

completed. For the construction of houses on the sites allotted to them, most of the States have taken up the question of providing either free or at subsidised cost building materials and other things. But you cannot say that this work has to be completed in full within a short period of time. You know that ours is a big country where the Government machinery has to be geared up to do this job. Of course, there may be mistakes and faults on the part of the bureaucracy. But do not make such remarks against the previous Government which had brought forward progressive measures. Take for instance, abolition of bonded labour. Which Government had abolished the bonded labour? Bonded labour could not be abolished for the last 30 years or so. At that time our present hon. Prime Minister was the Finance Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister. At that time I was on the Opposition side. The socialist friends who are now sitting on the other side were demanding social legislation like abolition of bonded labour. This was done by the Congress Government. But if we had failed to abolish the bonded labour, then there would have been a lot of criticisms both inside and outside the House.

Then other social measures like liquidation of rural indebtedness, moratorium on the recovery of loans taken by landless and small farmers were also brought forward. Do you want to do away with these legislations? Is it the policy of the present Government to do away with these legislations? Is it the reflection of the will of the people of this country? I do not think it is so. I think in the northern belt, certain emotional issues were being involved and that is why the election results in these areas were upset. But it is not so in southern States. It is a credit to the Congress Party that their programmes have reached the ears of the common people there. My experience in the recent elections is

[श्रीमति जूल गोरे]

भी देश बनाने की है उनकी जो इच्छा है उसको आपकी ध्यान में रखते हुए आपके लिए यह जरूरी है कि उनके लिए आप भ्रष्टाचर सार की उम्र मतदान की कर दें ताकि उनको मतदान का हक मिल जाए। यह काम नई सरकार को जल्दी से जल्दी करना चाहिये। यह बहुत जरूरी है।

दूसरा बड़ा सवाल बेरोजगारी का है। कुछ हद तक अभिभावक में इसका जिक्र किया गया है। इस सवाल को भी हमें हल करना है। पिछले तीस साल में जिस प्रकार का नियोजन देश में हुआ है, प्लानिंग हुआ है उसकी वजह से यह सवाल गम्भीर होता चला गया है। इस सवाल को हमें हल करना है तो ऊपरी चीजें बरके यह सवाल हल नहीं होगा। इसके लिए नियोजन का पूरा तरीका हम लोगों को बदलना पड़ेगा। फिर भी कम से कम आज जो देहातो में हैं लोग बेरोजगारी देख रहे हैं और वहां से शहरों की तरफ भी लोग भाव रहे हैं और इसकी वजह से शहरों का सवाल भी बहुत पचीदा बन जाता है उनको शहरों की तरफ आने से रोकने के लिए मैं समझती हू कि रोजगार गारंटी स्कीम जिस प्रकार की महाराष्ट्र में लागू की गई है आपको लागू करनी होगी। वहां पर कुछ हद तक यह काम शुरू किया गया है। इस प्रकार की कोई योजना पूरे देश के लिए आप बनाए तो मैं समझती हू कि इससे जरूर कुछ हद तक काम बन जाएगा। एम्प्लायमेंट गारंटी स्कीम की कल्पना बहुत अच्छी है। महाराष्ट्र में जब मैं वहां विरोधी दल में थी तो पूरे विरोधी दल ने इसके लिए अपना सहकार दिया था। लेकिन यह कहते हुए मुझे बहुत फसल होता है कि, इस सहकार के बाजूद भी इसका जिस तरह से इम्प्लेमेंटेशन होना चाहिये या नहीं हुआ है, पूरे तरीके से इस अच्छे कानून को भी लागू करने का काम वहां की सरकार ने नहीं किया है और इस को से कर फायदा हम नहीं कह सकते हैं कि

एम्प्लायमेंट गारंटी स्कीम महाराष्ट्र में सफल हो गई। लेकिन मेरा विश्वास है कि जनता पार्टी की सरकार जब ऐसी योजना लायेगी पूरे देश के लिये तो उस के जरिये देहातो में बेरोजगारी को हल करने में कुछ हद तक कामयाब हो सकेगी। मेरी मांग है कि रिजर्व बैंक में एक रिवाल्विंग फंड सरकार बना दे और इस निधि को ग्राम पंचायत के हाथ में सुपुर्द कर के नीचे के स्तर से योजना को रूप देखा बनाई जाये सभी जाकर देहातो की समस्याओं का हल हो सकेगा, खेती में सुधार हो सकेगा और साथ साथ बेरोजगारी भी दूर कर सकेंगे। जनता पार्टी सरकार जरूर इस बारे में सोचे और कुछ योजना जल्द से जल्द बनाये।

हम कहने हैं कि शिक्षा में सुधार कर रहे हैं, शिक्षा का ढांचा कुछ बदल रहे हैं। लेकिन असल में जो बोर्डेशनल ट्रेनिंग का काम होना चाहिये या वह आज नहीं हो रहा है। चाहे पलंग पलंग स्पट में कुछ भी दिया हो परन्तु वास्तव में सुधार नहीं किया जा रहा है। मैं समझती हू कि यह बहुत ही जरूरी बात नई सरकार के सामने ग्राहवाहन के रूप में है।

दूसरा सब से बड़ा सवाल कीमतों की बढ़ोत्तरी का है। आज देश की जनता बहुत पीड़ित है कि जरूरी चीजों की कीमतें बढ़ती रहती हैं और इन पर रोक लगाने के लिये आज तक का जो कांग्रेस सरकार का जुर्ना रहा है वह बहुत ही बुरा रहा। जब भी कीमतें बढ़ती रहती तो उन को रोकने का काम सरकार ने नहीं किया। मैं तो यहां तक कह सकती हू कि जगह जगह पर हमने यह देखा है कि जब किसी चीज की कमी महसूस हुई तो इस न प्रत्यक्ष काला बाजार करने वाले उठते रहे और उन को कांग्रेस सरकार की तरफ से मदद मिलती रही। इसलिये जरूरी वस्तुओं की कीमतों के बारे में सरकार ऐसे कदम उठाये कि जहां कमी महसूस होती है वहां अपने बजट, स्टॉक से

भावश्यक वस्तुयें तुरन्त पहुँचा कर बाजार में कीमतों को न बढ़ने दे। इस की व्यवस्था इस सरकार को करना बहुत जरूरी है। मैं सरकार का ध्यान धींचना चाहूँगी कि गये कुछ दिनों में कई चीजों के दाम बढ़ने रह गये हैं, चाय की पत्ती जैसी चीज जिस का हर आदमी इस्तेमाल करता है उससे दाम चुनाव के समय में पिछले एक महीने में 14 ६० से लेकर 25, 26 ६० प्रति निलोग्राम बढ़ गये। मेरी मांग है कि इस का खुलासा होना चाहिये कि चाय की इतनी कीमतें क्या बढ़ी? हमारे जैसे लोगों के पास जो सूचना आती रहती है काफी लोग कहते हैं कि चुनाव में जिस प्रकार से चाय और नींबू प्रोड्यूसर्स से कांग्रेस पार्टी ने पैसा लिया उसकी वजह से ही कीमतें बढ़ी हैं। यह भ्राम तो पर लोग कहने हैं और इस की जांच होनी चाहिए कि कौन सी इंडस्ट्री से कितना पैसा लिया गया है। जरूर इस की मालुमात मिल सकती है। इसके बारे में जांच करके हमका देखना चाहिये। आज ऐसे ही चीजों की कीमतें बढ़ रही हैं, जिसको लेकर सामान्य आदमी बहुत परेशान है। मैं कहना चाहती हूँ कि पिछले चन्द दिनों में ही फिर सोमेंट की कमी हुई है और कीमतें बढ़ रही हैं। मेरा कहना यह है कि यह आर्टिफिशियल है कृत्रिम रूप से बाजार में कमी कराने हैं और इसको लेकर कीमतें बढ़ाने की कोशिश होना है। अब नई सरकार को देखना चाहिये कि इस तरह की बातबाजी जो अब तक चलती आई है, इसके भागे नहीं चलेगी। इस हवा का एक बार पैदा होना बहुत जरूरी है। इस दृष्टि से इन कीमतों की तरफ देखना बहुत जरूरी है।

13 00 hrs.

मैं एक दो दिन से अखबारा में पढ़ रही हूँ कि तेल की और दालों की कीमतें घट रही हैं। मुझे मालूम नहीं है, मैं इसका पता लागामुमी लेकिन मैं यह समझती हूँ कि यह सरकार जरूर इस मामले में कर सकती है और इसको करना चाहिये। इस सरकार को फैसला करना

चाहिये कि कीमतें कम कराने के इस काम को करना है, जनता की दृष्टि से यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण काम है।

यह कहा जाता था कि आपात स्थिति में जो फायदे हुए, उससे सबसे बड़ा फायदा यह था कि आर्थिक स्थिति सुधर गई है, इन्फ्लेशन कम हो गया है, कीमतें कम हो गई हैं। मैं कहना चाहती हूँ कि आपात स्थिति के दौरान जब कि होलसन इन्डेक्स नीचे आ गया था तब भी कंज्यूमर इन्डेक्स नीचे नहीं आया था। कंज्यूमर लोग व लिये कीमतें बढ़ती रहो हैं, कम नहीं हुई हैं। गये एक साल में तो, जब कि आपात स्थिति कायम थी, यह कीमतें बहुत तबो से फिर बढ़न लगी और ये 9 फीसदी बढ़ गई। कई चीजों के बारे में तो कीमतें 33 फीसदी तक बढ़ गई।

असल में आपात स्थिति के बारे में बताया जाता था कि इससे हमारी कुछ आर्थिक स्थिति सुधर गई है, यह बात सही नहीं है, यह बिल्कुल तय बात है। इस प्रकार से कृत्रिम रूप से यह काम नहीं किया जा सकता और इसीलिये मे अर्थ क्लर्गी कि ग्राम लोग को इस काम को बहुत गहराई से देखकर इसका फैसला करना पड़ेगा और नई सरकार को इन कीमतों के बढ़न पर रोक लगानी पड़ेगी।

मैं समझती हूँ कि जब कभी कंज्यूमर प्राइस की हम बात करते हैं तो कहने में तो आता है, दहाता में इस प्रकार का प्रचार आज तक कांग्रेस वाला ने किया है कि यही लोग हैं जो कहते हैं कि किसान को कम कीमत मिले। तो यह बात सही नहीं है। नई सरकार ने बिल्कुल ठीक रूप से राष्ट्रपति जी के अभिभाषण में कहा है कि किसान को उनके उत्पादन की पूरी कीमत मिले, इसके लिये ठीक पग उठाने चाहिये। जैसा कि श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र जी ने कहा कि इस सदन में भी इसके बारे में चर्चा होगी, तो यह बहुत अच्छा होगा। लेकिन साथ

[श्रीमती मृणाल गोरे]

हम साथ जो बीच का मिडिल मैन कीमतें बढ़ाने का काम करता है, उसके लिये भी नई सरकार को कुछ न कुछ करना चाहिये।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Would you like to continue after Lunch?

SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE Yes.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER The House stands adjourned till 2 p.m.

13 04 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Five Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER IN THE CHAIR]

STATEMENT RE FIXATION OF INTERIM RATES OF WAGES FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS AND NON-JOURNALIST NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEES

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER श्री रावindra Varma to make a statement.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) Sir, a statutory Wage Board for non-journalist newspaper employees was constituted by the Central Government on the 11th June, 1975, under section 13C of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1935.

A similar Wage Board for working journalists was also constituted under section 9 of the Act, on the 6th February, 1976. The Central Government, being of the opinion that it was necessary to fix interim rates of wages both in respect of non-journalist employees and working journalists, sought

the advice of the two wage boards in the matter. The advice of the Wage Board for non-journalists as well as that of the Wage Board for Working Journalists was made available to the Government in June and October, 1976 respectively. Both the Wage Boards were of the view that non-journalists and working journalists should be given relief from the 1st June, 1975. The Wage Boards also proposed further enhancement in the quantum of relief from 1st January, 1976. An immediate decision should have been taken in view of the urgency of providing relief to the employees. Unfortunately, the then Government took no decision in the matter and kept the question pending.

Government have now taken a decision to fix immediately the interim rates of wages under sections 13A and 13D of the Act on the basis of the advice tendered by the Wage Board for the Non-journalists and the Wage Board for Working Journalists. Government have also considered carefully and sympathetically the question of grant of relief from the 1st of June, 1975 as proposed by the two Wage Boards. While the Government can well understand the case for retrospective fixation of interim wage rates, they have to consider the matter within the framework of the law. Whereas sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Act enables final recommendations of Wage Board being brought into operation retrospectively, there is no such provision in the existing Section 13A relating to the fixation of interim wage rates. The law as it stands, therefore does not clearly empower the Government to fix interim wage rates retrospectively. Government, therefore, propose to take early action to examine in detail whether Section 13A of the Act needs to be changed to give clear power to Government to fix interim rates of wages with retrospective effect.

I am glad to announce that without delaying the matter further, Government have decided to take action to

fix the interim wage rates, according to the recommendations of the two Wage Boards, to come into immediate effect from the date of notification.

I am also glad to inform the House that as a result of the fixation of the interim wage rates there will be an increase in the existing emoluments of non-journalist employees ranging from Rs 23 to Rs 85 p.m. depending upon the class of newspapers, weeklies, periodicals etc to which they belong. In the case of working journalists the increase will similarly range from Rs. 85 p.m. to Rs 131 p.m. Relief is also being given to part-time correspondents.

1404 hrs.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE ADDRESS BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT—
contd

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER Shri-mati Mrinal Gore to continue her speech

श्रीमती मृणाल गौरे (उत्तर बम्बई) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं इस सदन के सामने यही बात रख रही थी कि आखिर इस देश की जनता ने दो बातों को समझा चुनाव के सिलसिले में जिस को ध्यान में रख कर नई सरकार को अपना स्थान प्राप्त करना है। मैं यह समझती हूँ कि एक बहुत बड़े सवाल के ऊपर इस देश को और इस सरकार को सोचना है कि पिछले तीस सालों में जिस प्रकार का कारोबार इस देश में चला उस के कारण जनता में एक प्रकार की मायूसी फैल रही थी कि जो हो रहा है इस में मैं कुछ नहीं कर सकते हैं, इस को हम बदल नहीं सकते हैं और जिस प्रकार से परिस्थिति ने शिकार हम बनते रहे हैं उन का कोई इलाज नहीं है, इस प्रकार की एक भावना देश में फैल गई थी। यह सब से बड़ी बुरी पैदा हो रही थी और मैं यह समझती हूँ कि ध्यान इस चुनाव में देश की

पूरी जनता में एक प्रकार का आत्म विश्वास जगा दिया कि हम जो चाहते हैं, जो तय करते हैं वह कर पाएंगे। यह आत्म विश्वास उस ने पैदा कर दिया और इसी को ले कर मैं यह कहना चाहती हूँ कि इस देश की जो बहुत गरीब जनता है, दलित समाज है उस में भी हम ने यह आत्म विश्वास इस समय देखा। साथ साथ महिलाओं में भी मैंने इस चुनाव के सिलसिले में यह देखा कि एक प्रकार की नई जागृती हो गई है कि देश की जो इस समय स्थिति है उस को समझ कर हम भी उस में कुछ अपना योगदान देंगे।

मेरे ख्याल से हमारी आबादी का जो आधा हिस्सा है वह हमारी वही और महिलाएँ हैं। देश की प्रगति के लिए उनका एक्टिव पार्टिसिपेशन लेना बहुत ही आवश्यक है। इस दृष्टि से मैं कहूँगी कि एक तरफ आप ज्यादा से ज्यादा महिलाओं को सामाजिक प्रक्रिया में जोड़ने का काम करेंगे और दूसरी तरफ जो उनकी समस्याएँ हैं उनको ध्यान में रखकर जिस प्रकार से पार्टटाइम एम्प्लॉयमेंट देनी की बात है उसकी योजनाएँ बनायेंगे। यह काम बहुत ही आवश्यक है। इस सम्बन्ध में मैं मानती हूँ कि अगर सरकार को यह काम करना है तो उसे इस बात को ध्यान में रखना चाहिये कि जबतक हम इस देश की महिलाओं का स्थान आगे नहीं बढ़ाएंगे, सामाजिक और राजकीय स्तर पर, तबतक इस देश की प्रगति नहीं हो पायेगी। गये ग्यारह सालों में इस देश में एक महिला प्रधान मंत्री रहीं लेकिन सामान्य महिला का स्थान आगे बढ़ाने और सामाजिक प्रक्रिया में उनको शामिल करने के सम्बन्ध में इस देश में कुछ काम नहीं हुआ ऐसा मैं मानती हूँ। एक बहुत ही शर्मनाक स्थिति का इस देश में निर्माण किया गया जिससे सारी दुनिया में हमारा देश कलंकित हो गया। इस प्रकार के कार्य पिछले 19-20 महीने में इस देश में किये गये। अब मैं कहूँगी कि इस देश में महिलाओं की प्रतिष्ठा को बढ़ाना बहुत ही जरूरी है और इस काम को हमें

[धमनो मृग न गौरे]

हम यह जाना बोलना चाहते हैं कि हमें बड़ाना
का काम करता है उसका लिय भी नहीं सरकार
को कुछ न कुछ करना चाहिये ।

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Would
you like to continue after Lunch?

SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE Yes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER The
House stands adjourned till 2 p.m.

13.04 hrs.

The Lok Sabha adjourned for
Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after
Lunch at Five Minutes past Fourteen
of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : 11.12.76]

STATEMENT RE FIXATION OF INTERIM RATES OF WAGES FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS AND NON JOURNALIST NEWSPAPER EMPLOYEES

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Shri
Ravindra Varma to make a statement.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENT
ARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI
RAVINDRA VARMA) Sir a statutory
Wage Board for non journalist news-
paper employees was constituted by
the Central Government on the 11th
June, 1975 under section 13C of the
Working Journalists and Other News-
paper Employees (Conditions of Ser-
vice) and Miscellaneous Provisions
Act, 1955.

A similar Wage Board for working
journalists was also constituted under
section 9 of the Act, on the 6th
February 1976. The Central Govern-
ment, being of the opinion that it was
necessary to fix interim rates of wages
both in respect of non journalist em-
ployees and working journalists sought

the advice of the two wage boards in
the matter. The advice of the Wage
Board for non journalists as well as
that of the Wage Board for Working
Journalists was made available to
the Government in June and October
1976 respectively. Both the Wage
Boards were of the view that non-
journalists and working journalists
should be given relief from the 1st
June 1975. The Wage Boards also
proposed further enhancement in the
quantum of relief from 1st January,
1976. An immediate decision should
have been taken in view of the urgency
of providing relief to the employees.
Unfortunately the then Government
took no decision in the matter and
kept the question pending.

Government have now taken a deci-
sion to fix immediately the interim
rates of wages under sections 13A and
13D of the Act on the basis of the
advice tendered by the Wage Board
for the non journalists and the Wage
Board for Working Journalists. Gov-
ernment have also considered carefully
and sympathetically the question of
grant of relief from the 1st of June
1975, as proposed by the two Wage
Boards. While the Government can
well understand the case for retrospec-
tive fixation of interim wage rates, they
have to consider the matter within the
framework of the law. Whereas sub-
section (3) of section 12 of the Act,
enables final recommendations of Wage
Board being brought into operation
retrospectively there is no such pro-
vision in the existing Section 13A re-
lating to the fixation of interim wage
rates. The law as it stands therefore
does not clearly empower the Govern-
ment to fix interim wage rates re-
trospectively. Government, therefore
propose to take early action to ex-
amine in detail whether Section 13A of
the Act needs to be changed to give
clear power to Government to fix
interim rates of wages with retrospec-
tive effect.

I am glad to announce that without
delaying the matter further Govern-
ment have decided to take action to

fix the interim wage rates according to the recommendations of the two Wage Boards, to come into immediate effect from the date of notification.

I am also glad to inform the House that as a result of the fixation of the interim wage rates there will be an increase in the existing emoluments of non-journalist employees ranging from Rs 23 to Rs 85 p.m. depending upon the class of newspapers, weeklies, periodicals etc. to which they belong. In the case of working journalists the increase will similarly range from Rs 85 p.m. to Rs 131 p.m. Relief is also being given to part-time correspondents.

14.04 hrs.

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MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Shri-
matī Mrinal Gore to continue her
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श्रीमती मृणाल गारे (उत्तर बम्बई) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं इस सदन के सामने यही
बात रख रही थी कि आखिर इस देश की
जनता ने दो बातों को समझा चुनाव के सिन-
सिन में जिस को ध्यान में रख कर नई सरकार
को अपना स्थान प्राप्त करना है। मैं यह
समझती हूँ कि एक बहुत बड़े सवाल के ऊपर
इस देश को और नई सरकार को सोचना है कि
पिछले तीस सालों में जिस प्रकार का कारोबार
इस देश में चला उस के कारण जनता में
एक प्रकार की भावना फैल रही थी कि जो
हो रहा है हम में कुछ नहीं कर सकते हैं,
इस को हम बदल नहीं सकते हैं और जिस प्रकार
में परिस्थिति के गिकार हम बनते रहे हैं
उस का कोई इलाज नहीं है, इस प्रकार की
एक भावना हम में फैल गई थी। यह सब
से बड़ी बनी पैदा हो रही थी और मैं यह
समझती हूँ कि आज इस चुनाव ने देश की

पूरी जनता में एक प्रकार का आत्म विश्वास
जगा दिया कि हम जो चाहते हैं, जो तय करते
हैं वह कर पाएंगे। यह आत्म विश्वास उस
ने पैदा कर दिया और इसी को ले कर मैं यह
कहना चाहती हूँ कि इस देश को जो बहुत
गरीब जनता है, दलित समाज है उस में भी
हम ने यह आत्म विश्वास उस समय देखा।
साथ साथ महिलाओं में भी मैं इस चुनाव
के सिलसिले में यह देखा कि एक प्रकार की
नई जागृती हो गई है कि देश की जो इस समय
स्थिति है उस को समझ कर हम भी उस में
कुछ अपना योगदान देंगे।

मेरे ख्याल से हमारी आवाजी का जो आघात
हिंसा है वह हमारी बहन और महिलाएँ
हैं। देश की प्रगति के लिए उनका एक्टिव
पार्टिसिपेशन सेना बहुत ही आवश्यक है।
इस दृष्टि से मैं कहूँगी कि एक तरफ आप
ज्यादा से ज्यादा महिलाओं को सामाजिक
प्रक्रिया में जोड़ने का काम करेंगे और दूसरी
तरफ जो उनकी समस्याएँ हैं उनका ध्यान
में रखकर जिन प्रकार से पाट्टाईम एम्प्लाय-
मेंट देनी की बात है उसकी योजनाएँ बनायेंगे।
यह काम बहुत ही आवश्यक है। इस सम्बन्ध
में मैं मानती हूँ कि अगर सरकार को यह काम
करना है तो उसे हमें इस बात में ध्यान में रखना
चाहिये कि जबतक हम इस देश की महिलाओं
का स्थान आगे नहीं बढ़ाएँगे, सामाजिक और
राजकीय स्तर पर, तबतक इस देश की प्रगति
नहीं हो पायेगी। गये ग्यारह सालों में इस
देश में एक महिला प्रधान मंत्री रही लेकिन
सामान्य महिला का स्थान आगे बढ़ाने और
सामाजिक प्रक्रिया में उनको शामिल करने
के सम्बन्ध में इस देश में कुछ काम नहीं हुआ
ऐसा मैं मानती हूँ। एक बहुत ही शमनाक
स्थिति का इस देश में निर्माण किया गया जिससे
सारी दुनिया में हमारा देश कलनित हो गया।
इस प्रकार के कार्य पिछले 19-20 महीने में
इस देश में किये गये। जब मैं कहूँगी कि इस
देश में महिलाओं की प्रतिष्ठा को बढ़ाना
बहुत ही जरूरी है और इस काम को हम

[श्रीमती मृणाल गोरे]

करना है। जब तक इस देश की महिलायें पूरी तौर से देश की प्रगति में अपना सहयोग नहीं दें तब तक हम आगे नहीं बढ़ पायेंगे। इस दृष्टि में यह काम बहुत जरूरी है। इस चुनाव में महिलाओं ने अपनी यह इच्छा भी व्यक्त की है कि इस देश में काम, जो समस्याएँ हैं उनको वे समझ लेना चाहती हैं और उनको दूर करने में सक्रिय भाग लेकर अपना पूरा सहयोग देना चाहती हैं। हम महिलाओं की यह इच्छा इस चुनाव में देखी है। हम चाहेंगी कि सरकार इस काम का करे। सरकार को चाहिए कि इस काम में महिलाओं को भी शामिल करे। मैं समझती हूँ इस सदन में महिलाओं का प्रतिनिधित्व घट गया है जिस लिये मेरे मन में बड़ा अफसोस है। इस कमी को भरकर पूरा करना है तो यह आवश्यक होगा कि दूर पार्टी की ओर से महिलाओं को ज्यादा जाई दी जायें। इस देश की महिलायें सामाजिक, आर्थिक और राजस्व स्तर पर ज्यादा भाग ले सकें। इसको देखना हमारी जिम्मेदारी है।

SHRI K GOPAL (Karur) According to the Prime Minister, they are good for nothing that is what the Prime Minister says.

श्रीमती मृणाल गोरे मैं यह कह रही हूँ कि महिलाओं का खास हिस्सा है, इस बात को जनता पार्टी जल्द देखेगी। महिलाओं का पूरा सहयोग लेने के लिये सरकार का काम करना चाहिये—यह मैं चाहती हूँ।

जहाँ तक कुटुम्ब नियोजन का सम्बन्ध है, वह कार्यक्रम बहुत बदनाम हुआ है। एक गैर सांविधानिक शक्ति का निर्माण करके लिये किसी एक नाम से इस कार्यक्रम को आगे बढ़ाने की कोशिश की गई और उसको लेकर जिस तरह की ज्यादाती और भ्रष्टाचार जनता पर किये गये वह सभी को मालूम है।

फैमिली प्लानिंग का जो कार्य है वह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण और जरूरी है। महिलाओं के विकास के लिये और उनका आगे बढ़ाने के लिये इसका बहुत महत्व है लेकिन इस कार्यक्रम को लेकर जिस प्रकार की ज्यादाती और भ्रष्टाचार किये गए चन्द महीनों में किये गये उस आगे कई सालों के लिये हम काम में देश का पीछे धकेल दिया है जिसका हम बहुत अफसोस है।

मैं ऐसा समझती हूँ कि पहले या सरकार थी, उस सरकार ने इस में इतना बड़ी गलती की है, लोग पर इनका भ्रष्टाचार किये हैं, जिस को लेकर पूरे देश में पैमिनी प्लानिंग का काम पीछे धकेल दिया गया इस लिये वह सरकार पूरी तरह से जिम्मेदार है। जिस सरकार की प्राइम मिनिस्टर महिला हो, उस के कार्य-काल में सामाजिक और राजकीय क्षेत्र में महिलाओं के विरोध में होगा तब यह बड़े दुख की बात है। हमारी नई सरकार को इस ओर देखना चाहिये और स स्तरों पर, नीचे से लेकर ऊपर तक, महिलाओं का एक्टिव पार्टिसिपेशन होना चाहिये हम के लिये सरकार को आवश्यक कदम उठाना चाहिये। (व्यवधान) . . .

मुझे मालूम है आप लोग क्या कहना चाहते हैं हमारे प्रधान मंत्री ने कुछ ऐसा उद्गार निकाले हैं, जिन के बारे में अखबार में चर्चा है। जो अखबार, मैं मानता हूँ, उन्होंने ऐसा कहा होगा ऐसा मैं नहीं मानती हूँ। मैं तो मानती हूँ कि श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी ने जिस प्रकार की कार्यवाही इस देश में की है पिछले 19 महीनों में जो कुछ हुआ है, उस से देश अपमानित हुआ है लेकिन एक महिला के काम को लेकर पूरे महिला समाज को बदनाम करना ठीक नहीं है, एक व्यक्ति ने जो कुछ किया है, उस के लिये बस उस व्यक्ति को जिम्मेदार मानना चाहिये, पूरे महिला समाज को उस के लिये जिम्मेदार नहीं मानना चाहिये। यह बहुत ही महत्व-

पूर्ण बात है—इस देश में आज तक महिलाओं को वही रूप में देश के कार्य में नहीं जोड़ा गया, न सामान्य स्तर पर और न दलित समाज में इस प्रकार का आत्म विश्वास पैदा हुआ कि हम भी इस देश के लिये कुछ कर सकते हैं। इस तरह का आत्म विश्वास जगाने का काम आज तक नहीं हुआ। हरिजनों पर भी अत्याचार बढ़ते गये। इस में सन्देह नहीं कि पिछले सालों में हमने कुछ कानून प्रवर्धन किये, लेकिन फिर भी अत्याचार कम नहीं हो सके। मैं ऐसा समझती हूँ कि इस के लिये देश में एक प्रकार की भावना पैदा होनी चाहिये कि हमको भी इस देश में कुछ स्थान मिलेगा, इस देश की सामाजिक प्रक्रिया में हम भी कुछ कर सकते हैं। इस प्रकार की भावना जगाना बहुत जरूरी है। पिछली सरकार की 30 सालों की प्यामिया का यह नतीजा है कि ऐसी भावना फैली है—यह उस भावना को दूर करना बहुत जरूरी है।

जहाँ तक अत्याचार का सम्बन्ध है—एक ऐसी भावना देश के अन्दर फैली हुई है कि जो अल्प हैं वे ही प्रायः खूब सकते हैं। जो अत्याचारी लोग थे, उन को ही समाज में प्रतिष्ठा प्राप्त हुई इस चीज को सामने रख कर मैं ऐसा सुझाव देना चाहती हूँ इस के ऊपर अलग अलग जगहों पर जाच कमेटी बंटा कर जो अत्याचारी है, उन की पूरी जाच और प्रतिष्ठा समाज में होनी चाहिये। इस प्रकार का काम नई सरकार को करना चाहिये, तभी यह अत्याचार समाज से खत्म हो सकेगा। आज देश की जनता ने जनता-पार्टी में अपना पूरा विश्वास दिखलाया है, इसलिये हमारा यह कर्तव्य हो जाता है कि हम इस जाच के काम को तेजी के साथ आगे बढ़ायें ताकि देश से अत्याचार समाप्त हो सके।

हमारे विरोधी दल की बैचा पर बैठे हुए सम्माननीय सदस्यों से, विशेषकर विरोधी दल के नेता श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण जी से मैं इतना ही कहूँगी कि आप बारबार कह रहे हैं कि जो कुछ हो गया उस को भूल जाइये।

उस को भूल जाये—आप का ऐसा कहना ता ठीक है, लेकिन जिन्होंने सदन किया है, वे कैसे भूल सकते हैं। हमारी एक नामरेड-स्नेहना रेड्डी—जो एक बहुत अच्छी बलाकार थी उन की मृत्यु हो गई, उन के साथ सरकार ने जिस प्रकार का व्यवहार किया उस को न हम कभी भूलने के लिये तैयार हूँ और न इस देश की जनता कभी भूलेगी। मैं कांग्रेस पार्टी के सदस्यों से कहना चाहती हूँ आप भी ठूपा कर ऐसी गलतफहमी में न रहें, कि थोड़े दिन बाद जनता उस को भूल जायेगी और आप फिर वापस आ कर यहाँ बैठें इस प्रकार की गलतफहमी में मत रहिये। इन बातों को जब आप ने किया था, तो लोगों का मुँह बन्द था और वे बोल नहीं पाए थे। अब मुँह खुल गया है और लोगों का बोलना भी शुरू हो गया है। 19 महीने में और पिछले 30 साल में जो कुछ हुआ है, उस के बारे में लोगों का बोलना शुरू हुआ है। आप इस गलतफहमी में न रहिये। जो कुछ हुआ है हम लोग भूलने वाले नहीं हैं और उस की याद हमेशा ताजा रहेगी। मैं तो यह कहूँगी कि आगे आने वाली जो भी सरकार राज्य चलाने वाली है, उस को हमेशा यह याद रखना चाहिये कि इस प्रकार की बातों को जनता ज्यादा देर बर्दाश्त नहीं कर सकती। इसलिये जो कुछ आप ने किया है, उस को हम याद रखना चाहते हैं।

मैं यह भी कह देना चाहती हूँ कि एक व्यापक दृष्टि से और एक नई कल्पना को ले कर समाज में एक नया परिवर्तन लाने के लिये, जय प्रकाश नारायण जी की कल्पना के अनुसार जो एक सामाजिक परिवर्तन लाने के लिए काम चल रहा है, उस में रुकावट डालने की कोशिश न करिये। आप पहले बार बार विरोधी दल के लिये वास्तुनिष्ठ प्रपोजीशन की बात करते हैं और अब हम आशा करते हैं कि आप यहाँ पर वास्तुनिष्ठ प्रपोजीशन का रोल भरा करेंगे और जनता पार्टी सरकार की नीतियों का विरोध केवल विरोध के लिए ही नहीं करेंगे।

इतना कह कर मैं समाप्त करती हूँ।

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री (श्री राज नारायण) श्रीमन् मन्त्रे अफसोस है कि श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण नेता विरोधी दल इस समय गद्दा पर नहीं है।

श्री वसन्त साठ (अकोला) उह मालम नहीं था कि आप बोलने जा रहे है।

श्री राज नारायण उह बुनवा गीजिय। मैं जतने धीरे धीरे बोलूंगा। मैं चाहता हू कि व यहा रू क्वाकि उन क भाषण का मैं न अच्छी तरह से अध्ययन किया है। श्री यशवन्तराव चव्हाण जी न जो कुछ भी भाषण किया है मैं समझता हू कि वह एक वाजालू भाषण थ वह लोक सभा म लोक सभा के महत्व को दखत हुए उपयुक्त भाषण नहीं था। उन्होंने इमर्जेंसी लगाई और इमर्जेंसी भाग भी रह सकती थी यदि उन की सरकार रहती। अपने भाषण म उन्होंने उस को सही मिद्ध करने की कोशिश की है। येगी मायता है कि इमरजन्ता का लागू करना एक राष्ट्रीय क्लक का काम है। इस से बढ कर राष्ट्रीय गौरव राष्ट्रीय सम्मान राष्ट्रीय गरिमा राष्ट्रीय महिमा को मिराने का काम दूसरा नहीं हो सकता। इस आन्तरिक मुरधा के नाम पर भारत को अपमानित करने का काम जो हुआ था उस से बढ कर अपमानित काम और कोई दूसरा नहीं हो सकता। मुझे कोई कारण नहीं मालूम होता कि सरकार इमर्जेंसी आन्तरिक मुरझा क नाम पर लागू करे। इमर्जेंसी लागू करने का बेबन यही एक कारण था।

श्री देवकान्त बरूआ के लिय मझ अपसोस है कि उन्होंने भी एमी बात कही। वे वाणी विश्वविद्यालय की प्रोडक्ट हैं, जिस के संस्था पव महामना मानवीय जी थ। व उमी विश्वविद्यालय क हैं जहा क हम सब लोग ह। महा स उत्पन्न हान वाल श्री देवकान्त बरूआ मह वह कि

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श्री राज नारायण जे० पी० जनता पार्टी के नेता हैं। मैंने अपने मुखारबिन्द से ऐसे शब्द कभी नहीं निकाले। ऐसे शब्द निकल सकते हैं तो काग्रस पार्टी के मुख से ही निकल सकते हैं। जनता पार्टी जानती है कि जनतल क्या है। जनता पार्टी जानती है कि अधिनायकवादी क्या है। यह तो परस्पर विरोधी विचारधाराओं का टकराव है। (व्यवधान) इस ढग से बीच म खड़े होकर बोलना अनावश्यक है बमतलब है और इस तरह से बोलने से काग्रस की बदनामी होगी। नर्क कुड के गदे कीड ने काग्रस पार्टी के दिमाग को चाट कर बटनी तो पहुँचे ही कर दिया है इसलिए इस तरह के शब्दों को वह जनता पार्टी के लिए लागू कर रही है।

जे० पी० का नाम लिया गया। वय ज० पी० और श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी को मुल हो सकती हैं जे० पी० और इन्दिरा गांधी की कोई तुलना नहीं हो सकती। कहा ज० पी० कहा इन्दिरा गांधी। ज पी० वह इंसान है जिसके अन्दर तूफान और आधी है। जिसने इन चीजों को देश के अन्दर पदा करके इन्दिरा सरकार को उन्ट पुलट क दिया। इतना करने पर भी आपको शरम नहीं आती कि जनता पार्टी और जे० पी० की बात करें। फिर भी मैं आपसे कहना चाहता हू (व्यवधान)

श्री वसन्त साठ आप यह मत समझ लीजिए (व्यवधान) अध्यक्ष महोदय हम राज नारायण जी की इज्जत करते हैं सभी लोग इज्जत करते हैं। कृपया आप अपने मुखारबिन्द से गलत लफ्ज मत निकालिए। (व्यवधान) धन्य है प्रभु, एम ऐसे लोग आपके साथ आए हैं। अध्यक्ष

महोदय, राजनारायण जी का आपको स्वयं राज्य सभा का धनुर्धर है। उनके बारे में मुझे कोई नई बात बताने की जरूरत नहीं है। अब वह मंत्री हैं। अभी आपने अपने मुखार-बिन्द से जो शब्द निकाले हैं, मेहरबानी करके ऐसे शब्द न निकालें। आपके लिए हमने कोई शब्द सज्ज नहीं किया है, न निकालेंगे। आप हमें गाली दे दें और हम चुपचाप बैठें रहें। मेहरबानी करके ऐसा मत करिये।

श्री राज नारायण : मैं यह निवेदन कर रहा हूँ कि यह हमारा आदर्श है कि माननीय सदस्य खड़े हुए और बैठ गये। हमने आपको बोलने का पूरा मौका दिया। अगर मैं ऐसा नहीं करता तो आप नहीं बोल सकते थे। चेयरमैन साहब भी आपको नियम के मुताबिक बोलने नहीं देते। यह मारी जन-तंत्रीय परम्परा है। अगर मुझे इस बात का भ्रम होता है कि मेरे साफ शब्दों को कोई गाली समझ ले जबकि मैंने कोई ऐसी बात नहीं कही है। अगर आप ऐसा समझेंगे तो इसका भी हमें इलाज करना पड़ेगा। जब मैं यह कहता हूँ कि "यह शर्म की बात है" तो यह गाली नहीं है। मेरी भी कोई ऐसी बात हो सकती है जो शर्म की हो सकती है। यह गाली नहीं है।

श्री वसन्त साठे : आपने कहा कि आपको धर्म नहीं आती है।

श्री राज नारायण : अगर मैं यह भी कहूँ कि शर्म आनी चाहिए, या शर्म नहीं आती है तो यह भी गाली नहीं है।

अब मैं चाहता हूँ कि माननीय सदस्य जरा शान्त चित्त से मेरी बात को सुनें। मैं समझता हूँ कि एमरजेंसी को लागू करके इस देश को अपमानित किया गया है, पद-दलित किया गया है, हमारे गौरव, गरिमा, महिमा, सस्कृति को गिराया गया है और दुनिया में जो भारत की एक शान और मर्यादा

थी वह भूल गयी है। चाहे भारत में लोग अधपेट खाते हैं, एक जून भोजन करते हैं लेकिन भारत में जनता है, बोलने की आजादी है, अखबारों की स्वतन्त्रता है, न्याय विभाग की स्वतन्त्रता है, इस सब को कत्ल किया गया और कांग्रेस सरकार ने दुनिया में हमको बदनाम किया। हमारे पास धनको पक्ष विदेशों में जो विद्यार्थी पढ़ते हैं उनके साथ हैं। इन में उन्होंने कहा कि हम लोगों की जो एक शान थी, हम लोग जो सीना तान कर चलते थे कि हम गरीब हैं, लेकिन हम कहते थे कि हमें बोलने की आजादी है, विचार अभिव्यक्त करने की आजादी है, चलने फिरने की आजादी है, सगठन बनाने की आजादी है, अहिंसक ढंग से हम जो कुछ चाहे कर सकते हैं, इसकी आजादी है इन तमाम हमारी आजादियों को भूतपूर्व सरकार इंग्लैंड ने एमरजेंसी को लागू करके समाप्त किया, स्थगित कर दिया, नागरिक स्वतन्त्रताओं को खत्म कर दिया, मौलिक अधिकारों का अपहरण कर लिया। अब इसको क्या कहा जाए? क्या इसकी तारीफ की जाए?

अठारह महीने तक एक ही नेता, एक ही पार्टी रही। तमाम रेडियो, टेलीविजन आदि पर एक यही बात सुनने को मिलती थी। कभी कभी तो मन में आता था कि रेडियो को पटक कर फेंक दें। सुनते सुनते बान पक गए थे, इंदिरा जी का बयान, ब्रह्मा जी का बयान.....

एक माननीय सदस्य : सजय श्री।

श्री राज नारायण : वह तो आपात्-कालीन स्थिति की उपलब्धि है।

इंदिरा जी को मैंने चिट्ठी लिखी। मैं चाहता हूँ कि उसको पढ़ा दिया जाए। मैंने लिखा था कि इंदिरा जी अन्तर्मुखी बनें आजकल वह बहिर्मुखी बन रही हैं। एक बात की हमें जरूर प्रसन्नता है। इंदिरा जी ने

[श्री राज नरयण]

भारतीय संस्कृति का भी नाम लेना शुरू कर दिया था। गांधी जी का नाम तो लेना शुरू कर दिया था, कहना शुरू कर दिया था कि मैं परिचयों जनतंत्र की पद्धति को बिल्कुल फालो नहीं करूँगी, हमारी जनतंत्रीय पद्धति अपनी है, हम भारतीय संस्कृति के अनुसार जनतंत्रीय पद्धति को चला रहे हैं। इस पर मुझे विचार आया कि मुझे भारतीय संस्कृति को फिर से पढ़ना चाहिए। उन्होंने हमको बाध्य कर दिया कि मैं फिर एक भर्तृव वेद, उपनिषद्, पुराण शास्त्र, महाभारत रामायण आदि पढ़ डालूँ। पढ़ कर मैंने उनको पूरा पूरा लिख दिया कि मुझे अभिमान है कि मैं भारत में पैदा हुआ और आप भी मानती हैं कि भारत एक ऐसा राष्ट्र है जिसने दुनिया को जनतंत्र दिया है, यह भारत की ही दुनिया को समानता और और स्वतंत्रता की देन है। मैं उदाहरण देता हूँ। महाभारत की लड़ाई समाप्त हो गई। मैं जल्दी जल्दी चल रहा हूँ। पादव गए और पूछ कि दुर्योधन मरा या नहीं। भीम ने कहा कि हमने 99 भाइयों को मार दिया हूँ लेकिन यह नहीं देखा कि दुर्योधन मरा है या नहीं। कुन्ती ने कहा कि पता लगाओ सहदेव पड़ित कि मरा है या नहीं। सहदेव ने कहा कि नहीं मरा है। फिर पाचों भाई कृष्ण के साथ खोजने चले गए। एक बहलिन ने कहा कि एक आदमी जा रहा था कोई बहुत बड़ा मुकुट घारी और इन लोगों ने समझा वही होगा। वे गए और जाकर देखते हैं कि मुघा सागर में पानी के नीचे मुकुट चमक रहा है। भीम ललकारता है, काहे नपुनक हिजड़े तुम तमाम भाइयों को कत्त कर करके यहाँ लक्ष्मी के पास आ कर के मुघा सागर में छिप गए हो। वह बहादुर था लेकिन पाजी था। निकल पड़ा। लक्ष्मी ने पाव पकड़ लिया। फिर भीम ने ललकारा। वह फिर निष्कृता। फिर लक्ष्मी ने पाव पकड़ा। फिर उस समय रुक गया। आद में भीम ने ललकारा

और वह निकल पड़ा। धर्मराज युधिष्ठिर क्या कहते हैं, मैं चाहता हूँ कि भारत की राजनीति में, भारत की धर्म नीति में, भारत के समस्त शास्त्र में ही भारतीय नागरिक को फिर चाहे वह हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिख, ईसाई, चमार, ब्राह्मण, बनिया कोई भी, हो इस तथ्य को अपने हृदय में रख लेना चाहिये।

धर्मराज युधिष्ठिर ने कहा दुर्योधन तुम धकेले हो और हम पाच है इसलिये यह लड़ाई बेजोड़ है। तुम हमारे पाच सदस्यों में से किसी दो को चुन लो। तीन तीन की बराबर की लड़ाई हो। लड़ाई बराबर की होनी चाहिये धर्मराज युधिष्ठिर के भुवनाचल से निकले हुए यह साधु शब्द है। इस से समानता की बात समझ लीजिये। यः दुर्योधन को देखिये, क्यों कि उस की बड़ि कुटिल थी, वह कहता है कि महाराज अगर मैं अर्जुन और भीम इन दो को चुनूँ तब आप क्या कहेंगे। उस ने कहा चुन लो। तुम लो तो अर्जुन और भीम को और तेरी और से वह खूबजम कर लड़ाई लड़ें, और वह लड़ेंगे। तुम क्या समझते हो कि तुम्हारी जीत होगी अर्जुन और भीम की ताकत और बल पर। मैं सत्य पर हूँ, हक पर हूँ, इन्साफ पर हूँ, न्याय पर हूँ, इसलिये हमारी जीत होगी। हमारी जीत केवल अर्जुन और भीम के बल पर नहीं होगी। इसलिये मैं कहता हूँ कि जनता पार्टी सत्य पर है, हक पर है, इन्साफ और न्याय पर है। इस की जीत हुई और होगी, इस का कोई बाल बाका नहीं कर सकता।

नेता विरोधी दल कहते हैं कि लोहिना जी के विचार कैसे जनसभ से मिलेंगे? लोहिना जी के जो चेतने रहे हैं, समर्थक रहे हैं उनका कैसे जनसभ से मेल होगा। भाई आप क्यों दुबने हा रहे हो, मैं आप को बता दूँ कि हमारी तरफ बहाबत है भोजपुरी में कि अथवा गरी छलकत जाय। जो गरी प्राधी भनी होनी है वह बहुत छलकती है।

Little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

तो डा० लोहिया को पढो, उन को जरा समझने की क्षमता पैदा करो। 1962 में चीन के हमले के बाद से डा० लोहिया ने अनेक प्रयत्न किया है कि सभी विरोधी दल एक हो जायें। डा० लोहिया ने यह भी कहा है कि जनसभा है, सोशलिस्ट पार्टी है, स्वतंत्र पार्टी है और जितनी पार्टियाँ हैं, सभी पार्टियाँ एक हो जायें और एक महाराष्ट्र जो कांग्रेस पार्टी है उस को सत्ता से हटाने के लिये यह पार्टी एक हो जायें। यह बात उन्होंने एक बार नहीं अनेक बार कही है। 1967 में जो डा० लोहिया ने लख लिखा उस को पढो। डा० लोहिया एक दूरदर्शी थे, एक कुशल योग्य, कर्मठ नेता थे। और नेता मैं केवल तीन को ही मानता हूँ—एक सुभाष, एक गांधी और एक डा० लोहिया।

एक माननीय सदस्य जयप्रकाश जी नहीं।

श्री राज नारायण : अभी वह जीवित हैं। डा० लोहिया की किताब को पढ़ेंगे तो उन्होंने लिख दिया है कि पाँच वर्ष के बाद कांग्रेस टूटनेगी। कांग्रेस के टूटने के बाद घोड़ा समय कुछ घपले का चलेगा। उस के बाद फिर समतल घरातल घायेंगे और फिर जनता का राज्य कायम होगा। डा० लोहिया की भविष्यवाणी स्रोतह माने सही हो गई।

और एक बात मैं कहना चाहता हूँ, श्री चन्दाण साहब या उन के भाई जो यहाँ पर हो वह इस बात को समझ लें कि कृष्ण का जन्म हुआ जेल में। यह भी हमने लिख दिया है सरकार को। कस को पता नहीं चला कि हमारी हड्डि के पेट से पैदा होने वाला कृष्ण हमारा नाश करेगा। जनता पार्टी का जन्म जेल में हो गया। इन्दिरा जी को पता नहीं चल पाया कि जनता पार्टी उनका नाश कर देगी।

कांग्रेस राज्य में यह हमारा 56वीं बार जेल जाना था। 30 साल की आजादी में

करीब 14, 15 बार जेल गये और अंग्रेजी राज्य में 4 बार 4 साल गये। अब यह न समझिये कि यह केवल एकाएक हो गया—हमने सात खाई, डबे खाये, जूते खाये, हमें मारा गया, पीता गया, घसीटा गया और जुर्राना किया गया। जितने मित्र यहाँ बैठे हैं, सब जानते हैं। यह तमाम फासिस्टों जैसे जो कांग्रेस में बस गई, उन शक्तियों का कुक्कर्म हम लोग भोग चुके हैं। इसलिये इन तमाम बातों में जाकर के हम नहीं पड़ना चाहते।

श्री बसंत साठे मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि अभी आपने क्या कहा? क्या यह कहा कि ये तमाम लोग खस्ती किये गये?

श्री राज नारायण : हमने कहा कि घसीटे गये, मारे गये, पीटे गये। इनको किसी ने बता दिया है कि बीच बीच में टोकिये जरूर।

फिर हमने इन्दिरा जी को लिखा कि इन्दिरा जी, आप रामायण को भी पढ़िये भारतीय सस्कृति देखिये। भारतीय सस्कृति में श्री राम चन्द्र जी एक दिन रात को घोड़े पर जाते हैं, 4, 6 भादमी एक जगह बैठे हैं और यह कह रहे हैं कि हमारा राजा कितना अच्छा है—

दैहिक दैविक भौतिक तापा,
राम राज्य काहूँ नहीं व्यापा।

राम के राज्य में कोई किसी से बैर करता ही नहीं, क्योंकि वहाँ विषमता थी ही नहीं, मगर इतने पर भी एक ने कहा कि—सात भर तक मोता लका में थी, राम ने उनको घपने पास रखकर अच्छा काम नहीं किया। यह राम ने घपनेकान से सुना। तुलसी की रामायण में नहीं मिलेगा, लेकिन 10, 5 और में जरूर यह मिल जायेगा।

[श्री राज नारायण]

इसके लिये राम रात भर जागते रहे और सोचते रहे। मैं उनका तर्क आपको बताता हूँ। उन्होंने यह तर्क किया कि मैं राजा हूँ, राजा का कर्तव्य होता है कि प्रजा का रक्षण करना। जिस राजा के कर्म से प्रजा का रक्षण न हो, वह राजा नहीं है। फिर उन्होंने यह कहा कि मैं जानता हूँ कि सीता निर्दोष है, प्राणप्यारी है, फिर भी अगर प्रजा के मन में हमारे प्रति शका है तो मैं सीता को त्याग कर दूंगा, मगर प्रजा का साथ दूंगा और प्रजा के मन में अपने प्रति तनिक भी शका नहीं रहने दूंगा।

मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ आप उस दल से जिसका नाम है, कांग्रेस और जो हम से पहले सत्ताधारी दल था कि एक तरफ हाई कोर्ट कहता है कि श्रीमती इन्दिरा देहू गांधी ने अपना जो बयान दिया है वह झूठ है, असत्य है, इन्दिरा देहू गांधी जो बोलती हैं, वह झूठ है।

SHRI B. P. KADAM (Canara) Sir, may I rise on a point of order?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER - What is your point of order?

SHRI B. P. KADAM Under the Rules of Procedure, the hon. Minister's defence should have been for the Government's policy here.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER What is your point of order?

SHRI B. P. KADAM - My point of order is that the hon. Minister is here defending something else.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER - There is no point of order. Let the hon. Minister continue.

श्री राज नारायण - एक हाई कोर्ट भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री के बारे में लिखता है कि उन्होंने अपने चुनाव में सरकारी सचिवों का इस्तेमाल किया, उन्होंने पुलिस सुपरिटेण्डेंट,

हाइडल इंजीनियरों, सरकारी कर्मचारियों और अपने मंचिवाल के यशपाल कपूर से काम लिया, इसलिए उन के चुनाव को रद्द किया जाता है और उनको छ साल के लिए चुनाव लड़ने के अयोग्य घोषित किया जाता है। या आप समझते हैं कि इतना होने के बाद भी इस मुल्क की साठ करोड़ जनता ऐसे व्यक्ति को वोट दे सकती है, या उस पार्टी को वोट दे सकती है, जिसका प्रधान इलाहाबाद हाई कोर्ट के द्वारा असत्य साबित हो चुका है? इसलिए जनता ने उस पर ठोकर मारी। सारे उत्तर भारत में, सारे हिन्दी-स्पीकिंग एरिया में, उसका सफाया हो गया। इस पर खोज होगी।

इसलिए 25 तारीख को इमर्जेंसी लगी। 23 तारीख को यहाँ मीटिंग थी, लेकिन उस दिन जो जहाज पटना से आ रहा था, उसको पटना से आने नहीं दिया गया। श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण ने टेलीफोन किया कि जहाज न आने की वजह से मैं नहीं पहुंच पाया, क्या 25 तारीख को मीटिंग हो सकती है। हमने कहा कि आप आ जाइये, मीटिंग हो जायेगी। आठ, दस लाख लोगों की मीटिंग हुई। श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण ने प्रस्ताव रख और उस प्रस्ताव को पारित कर के जनता ने सर्वसम्मति से इन्दिराजी से त्यागपत्र मांगा। इस प्रकार इन्दिराजी की गद्दी पर खतरा आ गया। दिल्ली, बनारस, पटना में, जहाँ भी मैं जाता था, पब्लिक इन्दिराजी से इस्तीफा मांगती थी। सारे देश में हवा बह गई कि इन्दिराजी इस्तीफा दें। इस्तीफा न देने का एकमात्र उपाय इन्दिराजी ने यह सोचा कि इमर्जेंसी लगा कर सब नेताओं को जेल में दूँ दो।

मुझे मालूम है कि इन्दिराजी के पास विदेशों के कितने बड़े बड़े नेताओं के पत्र, पाये कि क्या भारत की आजादी का यही गुण और यही स्वभाव है कि श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण जैसे नेता को, जिसने आजादी के लिए अपने

जीवन को खपाया, और उस के साथियों को, जेल में रखा जाए। इसके श्रीचित्त को अभी भी श्री चव्हाण सिद्ध करने की कोशिश करते हैं।

श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण के गुर्दे में पहले कोई शिकायत नहीं थी। चंडीगढ़ में उनको जिस तरह से रखा गया था, उसी का यह नतीजा था। तिहाड़ जेल से मैंने चिट्ठी लिखी कि श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण का, मुह और पाव सूज गए हैं, या तो हम लोगों में से किसी को वहां भेजा जाए, ताकि पता लगे कि उनकी तबीयत कैसी है, या किसी बड़े डाक्टर का सर्टिफिकेट दिखाया जाए। इस संवध में मैंने बी० डी० टउन का नाम लिया।

इसके दूसरे दिन मेरा ट्रांसफर कर दिया गया। लिख दिया गया कि राज नारायण का तिहाड़ जेल में रहना खतरे से खाली नहीं है, हरियाणा सरकार ने उनको अपने यह रखना कुबूल कर लिया है, इसलिये उनको हिसार जेल में भेज दिया गया है।

राम ने किसी के बहने पर प्रजा का रजन करने के लिए नीता का त्याग किया। लेकिन इलाहाबाद हाई कोर्ट के फैसले के बाद अपनी गद्दी को बचाने के लिए इन्दिरा जी ने हम को जेल में भेज दिया। अगर राम चाहते, तो वह पांच सात आदमियों को कत्ल करवा सकते थे, या उनको जेल में भेज सकते थे। लेकिन राम ने वह रास्ता भ्रष्ट्यार नहीं किया। उन्होंने कहा कि मैं सीता का त्याग करूंगा, लेकिन प्रजा का रजन करूंगा।

कुछ नेता सोचते थे कि अगर मैं गिरफ्तार हो जाऊंगा तो देश में तूफान मच जायगा। हमारे साथी जानते हैं इस बात को। सन् 42 के घादोलन में लार्ड एमरी ने 19 प्वाइंट प्रोग्राम निकाला था। उससे लोग ने पूछा कि गांधी को क्यों गिरफ्तार किया तो उसने कहा कि यह तुल तोड़ना चाहता था, जेल का पाटन

तोड़ना चाहता था, रेल की पटरी उखाड़ना चाहता था। हम लोगों ने कहा कि चलो जब गांधी यही करना चाहते थे तो हम लोग कर ही डालेंगे। तो एकदम से तमाम साम्राज्यवाद की सारी टांगों को हमने चूर चूर कर दिया। सन् 42 में रेलें उखाड़ी, जेल के फाटक तोड़े, पटरियां तोड़ी। श्री राधाकृष्णन् जी जो हमारे आदरणीय राष्ट्रपति थे, उस समय हम लोगों के गुरु थे। हमने हाथ जोड़ लिया कि गुरु जी, अब गीता का लेक्चर मत करिए, कुरुक्षेत्र का मैदान आ गया है। 9 अगस्त, सन् 42, इतवार का दिन था, देख लीजिएगा। तो जो लोग यह सब काम कर चुके हैं उन्हीं लोगों के लोग बाहर थे। क्या कहीं एक खम्भा गिरा? कहीं एक बल्ब फूटा, कहीं एक पत्थर का टुकड़ा चला? क्यों नहीं चला? क्या इन्दिरा जी का डर था या यशवन्त राव चव्हाण का डर था? नहीं, यह शिक्षा थी जय प्रकाश जी की, यह शिक्षा थी मोरारजी भाई की, यह शिक्षा थी हम लोगों की, यह शिक्षा थी चौधरी चरण सिंह की कि अगर तनिक भी हिंसा की कार्यवाही होगी तो हम सत्याग्रह स्थगित कर देंगे। इसलिए हमने सरकार की सारी ज्यादातियां बर्दाश्त की मगर तनिक भी हमारी ओर से हिंसात्मक कार्यवाही नहीं हुई। सरकार की ओर से उत्तेजना दी गई। मगर हमने हिंसात्मक कार्यवाही नहीं की। फिर भी अगर हमारे लिए चव्हाण साहब ऐसी कुछ बात कहें तो हमको बड़ा दुख होता है। हमारी तरफ भोजपुरी में एक कहावत है कि—धान क जन्मल लडिका पउखी 19 कहावत बाटी—यानी दूसरे का पैदा किया हुआ लडका पाकर बाप कहने में बड़ा मजा मिल रहा है। यशवन्त राव चव्हाण ने भारत की आजादी प्राप्त करने में जितनी कमाई की, जितनी लड़ाई की, जितना त्याग किया उससे कम हम न नहीं किया। किया होगा ज्यादा, लेकिन हम ज्यादा नहीं कहते। हम शिष्ट भाषा में कहते हैं कि उससे कम नहीं किया। फिर भी आप जय प्रकाश जी और इन्दिरा जी की तुलना करते हैं? कोई जेल या मॉर्टिफ़ेन्ट

[श्री राज नारायण]

है कि इन्दिरा जी कितने दिन जेल में रही ? हमको जेल का सर्टिफिकेट दिखाया जाय कि इन्दिरा जी सन 42 के आंदोलन में कितने समय तक जेल में रही ? जब उनको प्रमाण पत्र दिया गया है तो क्या वयान हम जेल में पढ़ने को मिला कि घर-सचिव उत्तर प्रदेश न सेक्रेटरी आफ स्टेट फार इंडिया लार्ड एमरी को चिट्ठी लिखी कि इन्दिरा जी को 6 महीने का वारंट जारी किया गया है । निखी होगी चिट्ठी लेकिन 6 महीने का वारंट जारी करने का यह मतलब नहीं कि वह 6 महीने जेल में थी । इसका यह मतलब नहीं कि वह गिरफ्तार होकर 6 महीने तक जेल में थी । हम लागे से मांगा जाता है सर्टिफिकेट । जो सर्टिफिकेट हम और हमारे भाई को मिला हुआ है उसमें किस तारीख को जेल गए और किस तारीख को छूटे यह सब लिखा हुआ है ।

एक माननीय सदस्य उन्हें भी लिखा है है कि वह दादा जी की गोद में गई ।

श्री राज नारायण यही निष्ठा है न कि वह दादा जी की गोद में गई ? पहले यह था कि जो कम से कम 6 महीने जेल काटा हो ।

एक माननीय सदस्य अब भी है ।

श्री राज नारायण अगर अब भी है वही तो देखा जाना चाहिए कि क्या सही में इन्दिरा जी 6 महीने जेल में थीं या नहीं । कुछ नए सदस्य यहां आते हैं मैं उन्हें बताना चाहता हू कि जब इन्दिरा जी ३ मल्लमडल ३ बहुत से मंत्री और प्रधान मंत्री विदेशों में मौजूद और मस्ती की ज़िदगी व्यतीत कर रही थीं तब जय प्रकाश जी हजारीबाग जेल की चहारदिवारी फा कर बाहर आए थे और त्राति की बुझती हुई चिंगारी में अग्नि प्रज्वलित की थी । फिर भी जय प्रकाश जी को इन्दिरा जी की तलाश में लाते हैं ? एक प्रतीक है योग का एक प्रतीक है भोग का । योग और भोग को एक में मत जोड़ो ।

आप माधो जी को सुनिये । वह उनकी आम बया है । तारीख है 10 फरवरी 1943 । गांधी जी कहते हैं

मरी तो मान्यता है कि गुप्त नीति की जड़ में ही हिंसा है इसलिए छिपकर बूझति निकालना भी हिंसा है । मरी मांग है कि कानून में अहिंसात्मक विरोध को स्थान होना चाहिए ।

गांधी जी कहते हैं कि मरी मांग है कि कानून में अहिंसात्मक विरोध को स्थान होना चाहिए । इसलिए क्या इन्दिरा सरकार को अवस्थित हिंसा का नाम नहीं दिया जा सकता ? मजबूत म दिया जा सकता है । फिर भी क्या चट्टाण साहब हमको पढ़ायें बूढ़ सुया राम राम ? क्या मजाक है ?

अब मैं चाहता हू कि हमारे कुछ मित्रों के जो बयानान हुए हैं उनके बारे में कुछ कहूँ । फमिली प्लानिंग के बारे में मैं न पहचान ही वह दिया फमिली प्लानिंग बदनाम हो गई है । इस नाम को हटाना चाहिए । इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार विचार भी कर रही है और उसका कोई अच्छा सा नाम दुआ जा रहा है ।

श्री यश त साठ किन को हटाएंगे फमिली को या प्लानिंग को ?

श्री राज नारायण फमिली का तो हटा दिया कायम हटाने की नीति भी की लेकिन फमिली ने उसको हा हटा दिया ।

मैं सोच सोच बोलू कि परिवार सुनि-याजित हो यह मैं चाहता हू । मैं इसके पक्ष में हू और मरा दल इसके पक्ष में है लेकिन परिवार का सुनियोजन और जयदस्ती नसबन्दी इन सार को हटाना बनाना—यह दोनों परस्पर विरोधी चीजें हैं । दोनों चीजें एक नहीं हैं । इन्दिरा जी की सरकार में फमिली प्लानिंग में परिवार नियोजन में जयदस्ती नसबन्दी की है । इन्दिरा सरकार की ओर से डा० कर्णातह जी

तक देते हैं वह असत्य है। हम हिसार जेल में थे हमने देखा एक एक रात में सौ सौ आदमी गिर-फनार होकर आर। रेलवे स्टेशन पर पुलिस की गाड़ी खड़ी रहती थी जो सवारिया उतरती थी उनको जबरदस्ती पकड़ कर ले जाते थे और एकदम नसबन्दी करके फेंक देते थे। यह हालत थी। बाढ़ी हुई नहीं लेकिन उसकी नसबन्दी हो गई। बच्चा एक नहीं लेकिन उसकी नसबन्दी हो गई। 80-90 वर्ष के बूढ़ों की नसबन्दी हो गई। इसीलिए हम फेमिली प्लानिंग की बात को हटाना चाहते हैं।

आप जनतन्त्र की बात कहते हैं। यह फेडरल स्टेट है और राज्य सरकारों के भी कुछ अधिकार और वर्तव्य है। अपात कालीन स्थिति की उपलब्धि सजय गांधी है। सजय गांधी बन गए तहसीलदार और हर राज्य के मुख्य मंत्री बना दिये गये चपरासी। वे चपरासी की तरह तहसीलदार के पीछे धूम। दक्षिण भारत में कांग्रेस की वहाँ कहीं थोड़ी सीटें मिल गई (व्यवधान), सजय के दोरे वहाँ नहीं हुए। अगर सजय बहा गया होता तो उसका भी मजा आपको मिल जाता।

15 00 hrs.

मजदूरों के सम्बन्ध में यहाँ पर बहुत सी बातें कही गई हैं—मैं इतना ही कहना चाहता हूँ हमारे धोपणा पत्र में मजदूरों के सम्बन्ध में जो वायदे किये गये हैं, हमारी सरकार उन वायदों को पूरा करने के लिये सतत प्रयत्नशील है। हमारे श्रम मंत्री रविन्द्र भाई का बयान अभी आप ने सुना होगा। ये नये नहीं हैं, स्टुडेंट फंडेशन में हमारे साथी थे और उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, आप भी इन को अच्छी तरह जानते हैं। मजदूरों से किये गये वायदा को पूरा करने के लिए पूरा प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है —

1. एमर्जेंसी के दौरान औद्योगिक सम्बन्धों के पुराने ढाँचे को टाढ़ कर जो नया मजदूर विरोधी और अप्रजातंत्रिक ढाँचा पड़ोसी सरकार द्वारा लाया गया है, उसे समूल समाप्त करने का प्रयत्न हमारी ओर से करने की व्यवस्था हो

रही है। इसके अन्तर्गत जो एंप्लॉय बाडीज और विभिन्न उद्योगों में बाई पाट्रॉल कमेटीज पिछली सरकार द्वारा बनाई गई है उन्हें तुरन्त समाप्त किये जाने पर विचार किया जा रहा है, क्योंकि वे सभी नए प्रतिनिधियों से भरी पड़ी हैं।

2. बिना देर किये सही मजदूर प्रतिनिधियों से विचार विमर्श किया जाना चाहिये कि अब किस प्रकार औद्योगिक सम्बन्धों को नियमित किया जाय, जिस से सामाजिक न्याय सब को उपलब्ध हो सके।

3. मजदूरों ने जनता पार्टी को जिस जोश से अपना पूरा समर्थन दिया है और जिस प्रकार आज मजदूर सरकार को अपना पूर्ण समर्थन देने को उत्तुक है, उस को देखते हुए इस अवसर का उपयोग औद्योगिक शान्ति को स्थायी बनाने के लिये करना चाहिये और उनके प्रतिनिधियों के साथ बातचीत करके ऐसे राष्ट्रीय समझौते का प्रयत्न करना चाहिए जिस से मजदूरों को न्याय और देश को औद्योगिक शान्ति मिल सके। यह विश्वास है कि जनता सरकार को मदद करने के लिये मजदूर वर्ग हर तरह से तैयार है और इस के लिये जिस त्याग की आवश्यकता है उस में अपना न्यायोचित भाग देने में पीछे नहीं हटेगा।

4. सरकार का यह प्रयत्न है कि औद्योगिक विकास, औद्योगिक सम्बन्ध, धर्मिक एतता, वित्त मूल्य सामाजिक, आदि पर मजदूरों के सहयोग से ही राष्ट्रीय नीति का निर्माण हो और इन सब मामलों में अब किसी प्रकार की देरी नहीं होनी चाहिये—यह हमारी सरकार नीति है।

मैं एक बात कहना चाहता हूँ—मुझे अफसोस है कि अभी तक श्री यशराम राय चव्हाण यहाँ नहीं आये हैं। हम चाहते थे कि वे मेरी कुछ बातों का जवाब देते। वह मेरी इस बात को जानते हैं कि ज. मुख्य प्रवक्ता

[श्री राज नारायण]

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जहां जन-जन में समता का व्यवहार हो, वह समाज है।

ममता भाज. प्रवाण यत्न.

समता के द्वारा प्रकाशित हो, वह समाज है। जहां विषमता है वह समाज नहीं है। क्या भूतपूर्व सत्ताधारी दल बता सकता है कि तीस साल के शासन में समता की ओर बढ़ते के लिये कोई प्रगति हुई है।

आप यह देखिये कि आज देश को जनता के एक छोटे से वर्ग के पास समूची राष्ट्रीय भाषा का 14 प्रतिशत है और इतने पैसे पर देश की 7 प्रतिशत जनता जीवन निर्वाह करती है। यह है 30 वर्ष की योजना का नतीजा भूतपूर्व सरकार का, सर्वे घाफ इन्डिया की रपट के मुताबिक। यह सब मेरा जेल का अध्ययन है। 47 हजार बन्धुआ मजदूर इमर्जेन्सी में मुक्त किये, बड़ा बड़ोरा पीटा गया दुनिया में बड़ा बड़ोरा पीटा गया किन्तु जून 12, 1976 की "मैनस्ट्रीम" पत्रिका में यह निकला है कि बादा जिला के 60 प्रतिशत बन्धुआ मजदूर अपने पुराने मालिकों के यहां लौट गये। क्यों लौट गये? भूतपूर्व सरकार इसका जवाब दे। इसलिए मेरा कहना यह है कि केवल प्राप्तेन्द्रा के लिए ही यह प्रचार है। जिस तरह का दुष्प्रयोग, नाजायज इस्तेमाल रेडियो और टेलीवीजन का हुआ, इस तरह से कोई जनतन्त्री सरकार कर नहीं सकती।

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समस्या आज प्रकाश में

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आज यह देखिए कि आज देश की जनता के एक छोटे से वर्ग के पास समूची राष्ट्रीय आय का 14 प्रतिशत है और इतने पैसे पर देश की 7 प्रतिशत जनता जीवन निर्वाह करती है। यह है 30 वर्ष की योजना का नतीजा भूतपूर्व सरकार का, सर्वे प्राक् इन्डिया की रपट के मुताबिक। यह सब मेरा जेल का अध्ययन है। 47 हजार बन्धुआ मजदूर इमर्जेंसी में मुक्त किये, बड़ा डंडोरा पीटा गया दुनिया में बड़ा डंडोरा पीटा गया किन्तु जून 12, 1976 की "मैनस्ट्रीम" पत्रिका में यह निकला है कि बादा जिला के 60 प्रतिशत बन्धुआ मजदूर अपने पुराने मातृको के गृहा लौट गये। क्यों लौट गये? भूतपूर्व सरकार इसका जवाब दे। इसलिए मेरा कहना यह है कि केवल प्रोपेगेंडा के लिए ही यह प्रचार है। जिस तरह का दुरुपयोग, नाजायज इस्तेमाल रेडियो और टेलीवीजन का हुआ, इस तरह से कोई जनतन्त्री सरकार कर नहीं सकती।

पावती योजना की लागत व्यय में प्राइवेट सेक्टर के शेयर को देखिये। उसमें निर्धारित पूँजी 161 अरब रुपये से बढ़ा कर 270 अरब रुपये कर दी गई। यह प्राइवेट पूँजी में 68.7 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि क्या की गई? प्राइवेट सेक्टर में यह वृद्धि क्यों की गई? क्या यह समाजवाद है, जनतन्त्र है? यह बौहानवाद है, इन्दिरावाद है। क्या बेमनत्व की बात करते हैं? प्राइवेट सेक्टर में यह वृद्धि क्या इसलिए की गई कि चुनाव में पैसा मिल जाए। कांग्रेस सरकार अब तक क्या करती रही

है ? यह बरोडपतियों से मोट लेती रही और उस से गरीबती रही है गरीबों के बोट और फिर गरीबों के बोटों से बराडपतिया के मोटी की हिफाजत करती रही है। अब की गरीब ने कहा कि ठीक है बरोडपतिया से तो नाट, मगर बोट लुप्त की नहीं मिलेगा। उस मोट की हिफाजत के लिए मैं क्या बताऊँ, आप जानन ही हैं और इस को कहने की जरूरत नहीं मगर कुछ जानना है तो रायबरेली में जा कर पता लगाए कि वहा पर चुनाव से तीन दिन पहले क्या हुआ। हमारे घर मंत्री या सरकार चाहे तो इस प जाच बैठा ले कि वहाँ पर सरकारी स्तर पर क्या क्या जुल्म हुए हैं और वितना पैसा लोगो को बाटा गया है बोट लेने के लिए। किस तरह से हमारे एजेन्टों को पैसा दे कर तोड़ने की कोशिश की गई और किस तरह से भ्रष्टारो को मिलाने की कोशिश की गई ? काउन्टिंग के दिन घावन साहब को वहा पर फोन जाता है, दो दो बार पन गया लेकिन जब मैं वहा पर पहली बार बोल रहा हूँ तो वहाँ के जिलाधीश को इस बात के लिए मुबारकबाद दिये बिना नहीं रह सकता कि जिलाधीश से जब एम० पी० ने कहा कि दिल्ली से दूक काल आया है, तो उस ने कहा

'Now I am sitting in the court. After delivering the judgment I will come'

उसने कहा कि मैं कोर्ट में बैठा हुआ हूँ। फिर एप्लीकेशन दिया गया कि रिपोल हो। रिपोल होने में कितने घंटे लगने हैं। हमारे एक्स एडमोकेट जनरल कक्कर साहब वहा मौजूद थे। उन्होंने कहा कि कोई रिपोल नहीं हो सकता। इस पर बहस हुई। क्लेक्टर ने सब सुना कि पाँचों अम्बली शेनो की काउंटिंग हो चुकी है। साडे सात लाख की वह बस्टोद्युक्ती है। क्लेक्टर ने कहा कि रिपोल नहीं हो सकता। फिर उधर से कहा गया कि हम और

एप्लीकेशन दे रहे हैं कि रिवाऊटिंग हो। इस पर रिटनिंग भ्रष्टार ने कहा कि काउंटिंग पर समय आने किमी टेबल पर एतराज नहीं किया और भ्रष्टार कर रहे हैं। यह बात भी उनकी नहीं मानी गई। इस बात का भ्रष्टार में प्रचार किया गया कि राज नारायण के एजेंटों ने जबर्दस्ती हमारे बोटों को पोलिंग स्टेशन पर नहीं जाने दिया। इतना सब कुछ होने पर भी और एक घंटा खर्च करने पर भी उन्हें कुछ नहीं मिला। क्लेक्टर ने फंगला दे दिया कि कोई रिवालिग और रिवाऊटिंग नहीं होगी। यह है डेमोक्रेसी। इसके बाद तीन बजे रेडियो पर अनाऊंस हुआ और चार बजे हटी एमर्जेंसी। चार बजे के रेडियो में बताया गया कि रायबरेली की जनता ने इंदिरा जी को बरोब 56 हजार वोटों से हरा दिया। इस सब के बावजूद देश की मर्यादा, इज्जत, महिमा, शान-औकत, गरिमा, को बचाया गया। फिर भी वे कहते हैं कि जनता पार्टी वही की ईंट, वही का रोड़ा है। मित्र, जनता पार्टी एक है। इसका नाम एक है। इसका झंडा एक है, चुनाव-चिह्न एक है। इसका घोषणापत्र एक है। इसकी नीति बक्तव्य एक है। फिर कैसे कहते हो कि जनता पार्टी खिचड़ी है ? क्या यह सब जनता को भ्रमित करने के लिए कहते हो ?

मैं आपको बताऊँ कि कितने राजे-महाराजों को कांग्रेस पार्टी ने टिकट दिये और सब हम लोगो से हारे। राजा साहब भाण्डा हारे। हमारे रुपनारायण जी यादव से हारे राजा दिनेश सिंह जी। "जाको पिया मानी वही मुहायिन नाम"। ये देखिए हमारे यमुना प्रसाद जी शास्त्री महाराजा रीबों को ध्वस्त करने आए हैं। महाराज कुमार बचनसिंह, महारानी बलरामपुर, राजा मनबपुर, नवाब रामपुर, राजा साहब पटियाला कितने नाम गिनाऊँ ? इनको फिर टिकट दिया या ? अभी और चाहिए तो सुनो राजा चरणसिंह महाराज

[श्री राज नारायण]

बड़ोदा महाराजा त्रिपुरा कोटा । क्या ये सब मोनलिस्ट हो गए हैं? इस पर भी यशवन्तराव जी कहें कि जनता पार्टी तो खिचड़ी है । क्या राजा महाराजाध्याय ५ माघ कांग्रेस पार्टी की खिचड़ी बन गयी है जो खान में उन्हें बहुत पसन्द है ? क्या इसीलिए उन्हें खिचड़ी का नाम बहुत प्यार माना है ? जनता पार्टी खिचड़ी नहीं है । जनता पार्टी एक है और एक रहेगी । इस पार्टी का कोई भी बाल बच्चा नहीं बर सनता । यह जनता की पार्टी है । हमने आपको पहले ही बता दिया है कि जिस तरह से कृष्ण ने जेल में जन्म लिया था उसी तरह से जनता पार्टी ने भी जेल में जन्म लिया है । भातूम है कि इसका चुनाव बिना क्या है ? चक्र के बीच में खड़ा हुआ हनुमन् । चक्र कृष्ण हैं और हनुमन् बलराम । कृष्ण और बलराम दोनों जनता पार्टी की सहायता के लिए खड़े हैं । हमारे घरनामह भी बलराम हैं । कृष्ण भी वहीं से आएगा । कृष्ण छिना रहता है । जिसको कृष्ण को मारना होता है उस पर चक्र को रोक देना है । अगर कृष्ण से चक्र का चलवाना होगा तो बलराम इशारा कर देंगे । ऐसी है जनता पार्टी । यह धारों में लगेगी और प्रगति करेगी ।

बहुत कहा गया कि हमने निर्णय बहाया । इतने प्रतिज्ञा रुपये का निर्णय बहाया । इसके बारे में मैं बकट के भावों पर नहीं जाऊंगा । बकट पर जिसकी योजना होगी, वह जवाब देगे । मैं तो यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि अगर शास्त्रों का निर्णय देखा सीखिए और छोटे-छोटे मुल्का का निर्णय देखा सीखिए । मुल्का के म भाव का निर्णय पहले से कम हुआ है ।

इसलिए मैं कह रहा था कि कैमिचो प्लांटिंग तो होना चाहिये लेकिन जबर्दस्ती नमस्ती नहीं होनी चाहिये । गुट रूप में छोटा परिवार बना रहे यह मुझ बात है । हमने इतिहास जी ५1 लिखा कि राम राज्य में परिवार सुनियोजित था । धामा रामायण

में मैंने उनकी उद्धरण दिए । मैंने लिखा कि रामचन्द्र जी के केवल दो लड़के थे, लव और वृष्ण । भरत के केवल दो लड़के थे तस और मरु । लक्ष्मण के केवल दो लड़के थे, भगद और चित्रकण्ठ । सहदेव के केवल दो लड़के थे, सुबाहु और ऊपनेतु । चारों भाइयों के दो दो लड़के थे । तब सुनियोजित परिवार था । राम राज्य में जबर्दस्ती न खन्दी नहीं थी, नहीं थी, नहीं थी । इसलिए जनता पार्टी ने अपने चुनाव घोषणापत्र में लिखा है कि जबर्दस्ती नखन्दी नहीं होने दी जाएगी —

श्री वसन्त साठे आप क्या करते थे ?

श्री राज नारायण धाम निग्रह, इद्रिय निग्रह, द्रष्टव्य । यहाँ कोई बहनों तो नहीं है इसलिए मैं बोल दूँ कि ये सब काम मैं बहुत जानता हूँ लेकिन मैं भी इद्रिय निग्रह करता हूँ । 1958 से अब तक घर नहीं गया हूँ ।

महाभारत काल में भी कृष्ण का केवल एक लड़का था प्रद्युम्न । तब भी परिवार सुनियोजित था, जोर जबर्दस्ती नहीं थी, नखन्दी नहीं थी । पाँच पाण्डवों के श्रोणी के पेट से एक एक बच्चा पैदा हुआ । एक धर्मराज युधिष्ठिर से, एक भीम से, एक धर्मराज से, एक नकुल से और एक सहदेव से । मगर जबर्दस्ती नखन्दी नहीं हुई ।

धर्म धारण हमारे मुहम्मद साहब पर । उन के एक ही लड़की थी और दामाद से केवल दो बच्चे पैदा हुए—हसन और हुसैन । जबर्दस्ती नखन्दी नहीं थी, परिवार सुनियोजित था ।

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arkonam) How many sons did Dridharashtr have?

श्री राज नारायण . धर्मराज और रावण की महाभारत कांग्रेस पार्टी की थी । वह कह जाते । हमारी महाभारत राम की है, युधिष्ठिर की है । हम उस का क्यों उदाहरण दें ।

श्री वसंत साठे . धृतराष्ट्र के लिये नस-
बन्दी जहरी है ।

श्री राज नारायण भगवत धृतराष्ट्र
कांग्रेस बनेगी तो उस का तरीका हम बोर्ड
निकालेंगे ।

मैं बह रहा था कांग्रेस वालों के लिये
कि भाई आप अपना शास्त्र पढ़ो, नीति पढ़ो,
गांधी जी को भी पढ़ो । पुरुष जब बच्चा
पैदा करना चाहता है तभी बच्चा पैदा होता है ।
पति पत्नी का सम्बन्ध क्या और कैसे हो कि बच्चा
पैदा हो । कब हो, कैसे हो कि बच्चा पैदा
न हो । हम से आप भ्रमण से पूछोगे तो बता
देंगे । मासिक धर्म होता है, स्त्रियाँ रजस्वला
होती हैं, 14 दिन के बाद अगर तुम पत्नी के
साथ सम्भोग करोगे बच्चा नहीं होगा । और
5, 6 दिन के बाद करोगे तो कुत्ते की तरह
बच्चे पैदा करोगे । चूँकि ससद् के सम्मानित
सदस्य हैं इसलिये हम आप को झूठ नहीं बोलते
हैं । हम धर्म शास्त्र पढ़ें हैं जिस में लिखा है
कि सदन में पहने जाओ नहीं । और अगर आप
तो सत्य को असत्य से भेदा न जाने दो । तो
हमने थोड़े में बता दिया, और सीखना चाहोगे
तो बहुत सी किताबें हैं । हमने सिखा दिया
इस तरह से चला, अनावश्यक ढंग से बेमतलब
बात न करो । नीकी पर फीकी लगे बिन
भ्रवसर की बात । बिना भ्रवसर की बात अच्छी
होई पर भी फीकी लगती है । बनत न युद्ध
में रस, अगर मुहाय । अगर रस अच्छा है
मगर जब लड़ाई हो रही हो उस बात कोई
कहे कि बलमवा घर न आये और उमरिया
सारी बीती जाय, अच्छा नहीं लगेगा । फीकी
पर नीकी लगे कहिये समय विचार, सब के
मन हर्षित करे अयो विवाह न गारि । विवाह
में औरतें गाली देती हैं कितना अच्छा लगता
है । और अगर वही गाली दूसरे मौके पर
वो तो सर फुटवेल हो जाय । इसलिये बेभ्रवसर
बात न कहो । सत्य बात कहो, नीति के साथ
चलो । और इस बात को हमारी मान लो

कि कांग्रेस पार्टी ने 30 साल तक गांधी जी के
रास्ते को छोड़ कर इस देश का बहुत ही
अहित किया है ।

और एक बात कह दू क्योंकि गृह मंत्री जी
मोजूद हैं व्हाल आफ हिस्टरी, इतिहास का
चम देखिये कि कृष्ण पैदा होने हैं जमुना के
किनारे और मरते हैं समुद्र के किनारे ।
गांधी पैदा होने हैं समुद्र के किनारे और मरते
हैं जमुना के किनारे ।

कृष्ण के मरने के पहले उनका धाम के लोग
जब उनको लेने के लिये आये तो कृष्ण ने कहा
कि हमको थोड़े दिन और छोड़ दो क्योंकि
हमारा यदुवनी परिवार इतना शक्तिशाली
हो गया है कि यदि मैं इनको इस शक्ति के
रहते हुए यहाँ से छोड़कर चला जाऊ तो ये
किसी को रहते नहीं देंगे, इसलिये मैं पहले
अपने परिवार का नाश कर लू, त चल ।
यह कृष्ण की क्षमता थी, उन्होंने कहा कि अपने
परिवार का नाश करने के बाद इस दुनिया
से अपने को उठाऊंगा । आप किसी में क्या
यह क्षमता है ?

हमारे में यह क्षमता है, इसलिये चाहें
मैं लखनऊ में रहा, दिल्ली में रहा, हमारे
साथ हमारे परिवार का एक आदमी भी नहीं
रहा ।

कृष्ण ने कहा कि मैं बुद्धि हूँ और हमारा
परिवार शक्ति है । बुद्धि चली जायेगी तो शक्ति
रह जायेगी और वह शक्ति हो जायेगी ।
वह किसी को नहीं रहने देगी । इसलिये मैं
अपने रहते रहते इस शक्ति का नाश कर के
जाऊंगा । फिर वे ऋषियों को ले गये, आप
दिलवाये और सब नाश हुआ है ।

गांधी जी ने 29 जनवरी, 1948 को
क्या कहा, यह मैं अपने बन्धुओं से करबद्ध
प्रार्थना करूंगा कि जो कांग्रेस में है या हमारे
दल में भी है, वह सब गांधी जी के इस वाक्य

[श्री राज नारायण]

को हृदयगत करने। गांधी जी ने कहा कि "कांग्रेस तो तोड़ दो म्र इसकी उपयोगिता नहीं रहेगी। 30 तारीख को लोग गांधी जी के पास गये और कहा कि वगू अभी यह लेख जाने लायक नहीं है। गांधी जी ने कहा कि म्र। यह जाये समय उपयुक्त म्रा गया है यह लेख प्रकाशित होने के लिये। 30 तारीख को गांधी जी ने वह लेख प्रकाशित हो। के लिये दे दिया।

मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या गांधी जी पागल थे, क्या गांधी जी बेवकफ थे ? गांधी जी की इस राय को कार्यान्वित क्या नहीं किया गया ? गांधी जी चाहते थे समझते थे कि अगर मैं चला जाऊंगा तो मेरा परिवार अपनी शक्ति के सामने किसी को दिखने नहीं देगा। इसलिये मैं अपने परिवार का खत्म करके तब जाऊंगा। गांधी जी चाहते थे कि कांग्रेस के पास जा इतनी शक्ति हो गई है वह हमारे कारण और इस देश की जनता के कारण हो गई है इसलिये वह उस शक्ति को तुड़वाकर जाना चाहते थे। अपने मरने के 24 घण्टे पहले उन्होंने यह लिखा, मगर देश का दुर्भाग्य था कि गांधी जी जब सभा में म्रा रहे थे तो उसी सभा के बीच गांधी जी को मार दिया गया।

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Chirayinkil) The hon Minister should not mislead the House. Gandhiji said in that article in the Harijan that the Congress had a historical role and so it should be dissolved. I can produce the document for him. The hon. Minister is not expected to mislead the House. I can get you the issue, please read it.

श्री राज नारायण : मेरे पास तारीखवार गांधी जी का लेख है। जहाँ उनका आत्म-बयासे तारीखवार लिख है। अब यही निवेदन है कि गांधी जी ने यह कहा क्या ? गांधी जी ने इसलिये कहा कि अगर हम नहीं रहेंगे तो कांग्रेस अपनी गता का दुरुपयोग कर के देश

की जनता को चौपट कर सकती है। क्या कांग्रेस ने यही नहीं किया ? यही किया। जो भी हो मगर गांधी जी के मरने के बाद हम वहां नहीं थे।

मेरी प्रार्थना है कि सारे का सारा समुच्चय सब चुनकर जनता पार्टी अपने में एक है, इसका सिद्धान्त एक है इसका लंडा एक है, इसका चुनाव घोषणा-पत्र एक है। यह एक ही रहेगी कांग्रेस मर जायेगी, तो भी जनता पार्टी का बाल बाका नहीं कर सकेगी। यही एकमात्र पार्टी है जो हर हिन्दू, मुसलमान, सिख, ईसाई चमार, ब्राह्मण, बनिया, धोबी, भगी आदि सब की पार्टी है, और जनता की पार्टी है, हर मंदे औरत की पार्टी है। मैं प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि सभी भी सद्वृद्धि आये। कांग्रेस पार्टी छोड़ कर आध्र, और जनता पार्टी में शामिल हो जाय।

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER Now, we are going to start discussion on Private Members' Business. But I am sorry to say that there are so many Members who would like to speak today. They would not be able to speak today.

Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta

श्री यश दत्त शर्मा (गुरदासपुर) उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। आप किसी भी विषय के लिये समय निश्चित करते हैं, और सूची पर जिन सदस्यों के नाम हैं उनके लिये ठीक तरह से समय की व्यवस्था करना आप का कर्तव्य है ताकि सब को बोलने का अवसर मिल सके।

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER You are a new Member.

(Interruptions)

SHRI YAGYA DATT SHARMA (Gurdaspur) I am not a new Member.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Then you should know this thing that there

is no time limit for a Minister I would like you to exercise self-restraint

SHRI YAGYA DATT SHARMA
There are a number of speakers who took unlimited time

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER You should have raised this objection then and there. As far as I am concerned, I know that Mr. Raj Narain was taking a lot of time. I could not stop him because he is a Minister.

The debate will continue on the next day

15 30 hrs

RESOLUTION RE APPOINTMENT OF HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE TO GO INTO CERTAIN CON- SPIRACY

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Now we proceed with the Private Members' Business. Before we begin discussion on Private Members Business, we have to fix time for this resolution. Otherwise the next resolution will not see the light of the day. So, we do like this. We should fix sometime for this resolution, may be two hours

SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN (Bada gara) I am on a point of order. You kindly see Rule 173(1) to (iv). You see this resolution. Unfortunately it is very badly phrased and worded. What is being sought is almost an omnibus enquiry mentioning not only Government of India but also various other individuals and various scandals not pin pointing one particular theme. As far as 173(1) is concerned it is mandatory and it definitely lays down that the resolution shall be clearly and precisely expressed. As it follows you will see from this resolution as it is worded today it clearly attracts and violates every one of the above rules. Uptil now, we had no chance to raise any objection on this question.

Therefore I am raising this point of order before it is discussed. We have very serious reservations and particularly it will be a very bad precedent if the words joint deliberate conspiracy by the erstwhile Government of India remain on this. I would like to make it clear that we have nothing against your proceeding in any manner against any individual or on any particular issue but ultimately this House must protect not only the dignity of the Government of India but also of this House. But on this side, I can definitely assure you that we will not come in any way in your way on any kind of enquiry. But this is a vital issue this is a procedural issue.

श्री मधु लिमये (बाका) अध्यक्ष महोदय, व्यवस्था के प्रश्न पर नियम करने के पहले जो हमारे नियम हैं उनकी टीका से देख लें। उन्नीकृष्णन् जी का कहना है कि इसमें कई मामले आए हैं और यह इस खण्ड का उल्लंघन करता है।

'In order that a Resolution may be admissible, it shall satisfy the following conditions, namely,

- (1) it shall be clearly and precisely expressed, and
- (2) it shall raise substantially one definite issue."

अध्यक्ष महोदय यह तो आपने मज़ूर किया है तभी मांडर पेर पर आया है लेकिन प्राइमरी पेसी आपने कहा कि नियम के अनुसार है, इसलिए आपने इस को मांडर पेर पर रखा। अब उन्नीकृष्णन् जी ने कुछ आशय उठाया है। मुझे यह कहना है कि इस प्रस्ताव में एक ही विषय है और वह विस्तृत स्पष्ट है। वह विषय यह है कि एक जात बमोमन बढ़ाया जाय और तीन महीने के अंदर वह अपनी राय दे। यह इशारा मुख्य आशय है। लेकिन उदाहरण के तौर पर कुछ बतें बही गई हैं। मैं खुद इसमें एक मशोधन देने जा रहा हूँ कि गवर्नमेंट द्वारा इशारा उठाया गया

[था मधु समये]

मया है उसर स्थान पर भूतपूर्व प्रधान मन्त्री
रखा जाय । उनी वृणन् की बा जो मुयाव
है उसवे लिए मैं पहले से साच रहा हूँ और
भारत सरकार की जगह पर मैं यह संशोधन
देने जा रहा था कि भूतपूर्व प्रधान
मन्त्री रखा जाय । ता इसका तो वे बबूल
बरोये । फिर तो कोई फाल्सेप उनका नहीं
रहता है ।

AN HON MEMBER You cannot
move it.

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE Why not?
I can move it immediately after Mr
Kanwarlal Gupta has moved his re
solution.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER As far
as the point of order raised by Mr
Unnikrishnan is concerned the Spea-
ker having considered all the aspects
has admitted the resolution. So, I
have nothing to say in the matter

Mr Kanwarlal Gupta.

SHRI K. P. UNNIKIRISHNAN I
may be permitted to point out that it
is totally violative of the Rules of
Procedure. What is the relation bet-
ween Maruti and Mr Bansil Lal and
Nagarwala case? We are creating a
bad precedent today I want this to
be on record. What is the relation
between Nagarwala case and Maruti?
What do you want to discuss? Do you
want to discuss Maruti or Nagarwala
case? (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER SHRI
Kanwarlal Gupta,

श्री कृष्ण राम गुप्त (निता सर) :
मैं समझता हूँ कि यह एक बुरा प्रश्न है।

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Madhu) I
raise this as a point of order Sir, you
have not given any ruling. You have

made a remark only. You have stat-
ed that since the Speaker has admit-
ted the resolution, there is nothing
more that the Chair can do about it.
May I submit that the rules stipu-
lated in the Rules of Procedure are
binding on the House and every
Member has a right to take
shelter under the rules? The
Speaker may have admitted it
without hearing the other side. Once
he has admitted it and comes before
the House the House has got a right
to examine whether it violates any of
the rules stipulated in the Rules of
Procedure. The Rules of Procedure
are binding on all of us and we have
got the right to make a claim on the
Rules of Procedure.

What the Speaker has done is that
he has admitted it. By admitting it
it has got a right to come on the order
Paper. It has come on the Order
Paper. Until it comes on the Order
Paper we do not get a chance at all.
What is the procedure? The ballot
takes place and the Member gets a
chance. The Member gives a resolu-
tion. If the resolution is found to be
inadmissible another resolution is ad-
mitted and that resolution comes up.
It sees the light of the day only when
it comes before the House. The momen-
t it comes before the House, every
Member of the House has a right to
examine whether it conforms to the
Rules of Procedure. To deny that
right will be a repudiation of the
right which the Members have got
under the Rules of Procedure. I am
not here to support or repudiate what
Shri Unnikrishnan has stated but to
accept what you have stated is the
governing condition with in sub-stan-
ce to every Member of the House
the right to act according to the pro-
visions of the Rules. There are un-
ten provisions in the Rules relating to
the admission of a Resolution and
the Speaker but I submit that it is the
reason by the Speaker is only to give
it the right to come on the Order
Paper. The moment it comes on the
Order Paper the Members have a right
to examine whether it conforms to the

Rules of Procedure of this House. Therefore, we must be heard as to whether it conforms to the Rules or Procedure. I submit that it violates every one of the provisions stipulated in regard to admissibility. You may kindly examine whether Shri Unnikrishnan's objection is sustainable or not on its merits and not on the basis that the Speaker has admitted it and therefore there is an estoppel.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER I have already given my ruling if you are going to raise the same matter again, there is no use in it.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur) The Speaker's decision is not open to challenge on the Floor of the House. Rule 174 makes that clear.

SHRI C M STEPHEN The Speaker's decision is only in regard to its admission and being put on the Order Paper. Once it comes on the Order Paper the House must examine its admissibility in the light of the Rules of Procedure.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE Shri Unnikrishnan referred to Rule 173 and neither he nor Shri Stephen has gone beyond that. Rule 174 says

"The Speaker shall decide whether a resolution or part thereof is or is not admissible under these rules and may disallow any resolution or a part thereof when in his opinion it is an abuse of the right of moving a resolution or calculated to obstruct or prejudicially affect the procedure of the House or is in contravention of these rules."

Therefore, when a Resolution is submitted the Hon Speaker decides whether, in his opinion, it conforms to the Rules and it is only after that that it is admitted. Now, in the guise of a Point of Order, the Hon Speaker's decision to admit the Resolution cannot be challenged.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I have already given my ruling (*Interruptions*)

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA I beg to move

"This House calls upon the Government to immediately appoint a high powered Committee consisting of some Members of Parliament, Judges and eminent public men to go into the question of joint deliberate conspiracy by the erstwhile Government of India, Maruti Ltd and its allied concerns and Shri Bansi Lal (former Chief Minister of Haryana and former Defence Minister of India) against the country and the people such as Maruti and Nagarwala Scandals and numerous illegalities committed by Shri Bansi Lal and submit the report to the Government within three months."

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai) I would like to know whether as this is an important debate to be conducted in this House reports on the same can be published in the newspapers. There are two Acts—the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matters Act and the Publication of the Proceedings of Parliament Act. This Resolution concerns a vital matter and the whole country would want the whole debate to be reported in the Press so that the people come to know of it. If there is no difficulty about it, there should be no restriction in this regard on the Press. I want to know the exact position because it has already been intimated by the Government that these two Acts will be repealed. Will they be repealed with retrospective effect and will the Press be allowed to report the whole thing?

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER We are governed by the law of the land and I don't think there are any restrictions on the Press as such.

गृह मंत्री (चीवरो चरण सिंह): अभी माननीय मित्र ने सवाल उठा है कि अगर यह प्रोटेस्ट पब्लिश हुई तो यह ऐकताने-विल है, नए कानूनी कागजात हो सक्ती है। मैं य नोट को तरफ से क दिलाता हूँ कि प्रोटेस्ट जो आरक्षण रोजेन्सोन के निलचिने में इस सदन में हागी बार वह पब्लिश होगा न कानून कोई ऐकत नहीं लेगी।

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त उपाध्यक्ष जी, जो प्रस्ताव मैं सदन के सामने रखा वह किसी बदले की भावना से नहीं रखा है और न ही किसी राजनीतिक दृष्टिकोण को सामने रख कर रखा है। यह प्रस्ताव केवल एक ही दृष्टिकोण सामने रख कर रखा गया है कि हमारे देश का राजनीतिक और सामाजिक जीवन स्वच्छ होना चाहिये। पाटिया आती और जानी हैं यह प्रस्ताव केवल आप लोगों के लिए नहीं है, आप अभी से इनने नाराज हो गये यह प्रस्ताव हम पर भी लागू होगा।

श्री एम० रामगोपाल रेड्डी (निद्रामावाद) आप गहन तरीके से इसको पेश करना चाहते हैं।

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त कोई भी व्यक्ति अगर राजनीतिक जीवन में भ्रष्टाचार करेगा, तो उसका अवश्य सजा मिलनी चाहिये, चाहे आप ही या जनता पार्टी हो, उसके लिए यह लागू होगा। अगर देश में सही मर्यादा में प्रभुत्व चलाता है तो आप उपाध्यक्ष जी, मेरी इस बात को स्वीकार करेंगे कि देश में भ्रष्टाचार समाप्त होना चाहिये और कानून का राज्य लागू होना चाहिये।

पिछले 30 सालों में इस देश में जो कुछ हुआ और खाम तोर से पांच छ सालों में जो कुछ हुआ, उसने बाद हम यह कह सकते हैं कि शायद दुनिया के इतिहास में किसी भी प्रजातन्त्रिय देश में इतना भ्रष्टाचार नहीं हुआ होगा, जितना हम देश में हुआ। सरकारी मशीनरी का दुरुपयोग करने, लोगों को दया

कर और सरकार का दुरुपयोग करने सजय [गांधी और भतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री ने, हरियाणा के भतपूर्व मुख्य मंत्री बभी लाल ने जो कुछ किया, ऐसी मिसाल दुनिया के किसी भी प्रजातन्त्र में नहीं मिलती है।

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[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

अध्यक्ष महाशय, हरियाणा के स्पीकर ने एक पत्र लिखा है—वह कहते हैं—

"The truth is that, as in the case of several Arab countries if one struck a spade he would get oil, in Haryana if he did so he would find corruption"

अध्यक्ष महोदय यह केवल हरियाणा के बारे में नहीं है, यहां नहीं दिल्ली के घनदर भी किसी चीज को उठा कर देख लीजिये, आपने एक ही चीज मिलगी कि बरखान का चारो तरफ बोलवाला या और सरकारी मशीनरी का दुरुपयोग करके, सरकारी बफसरा को दया कर जिस प्रकार से रुपया बटारने की कोशिश की जा रही थी। प्रधान मंत्री ने अपने काल में एक ही कोशिश की—कराउ रुपया बगेरा, बड़े-बड़े लोगों का दवाकर बटोरा और उनका एक ही उद्देश्य था कि वह गद्दी पर बनी रहें, उनके बाद उनका चेता गद्दी पर बना रहे। जो सजय गांधी थे उनका एक सपना था कि वह पीछे बन सकते हैं, बहुत बड़ी कार बना सकते हैं। मने, अध्यक्ष महोदय इसमें कोई ऐतराज नहीं है—जैसे किसी के चेते को बड़ा दण्डित्वादिस्त बनने का अधिकार है, उसी तरह से प्रधान मंत्री के चेते का भी अधिकार है, लेकिन यह बोधना के आधार पर होना चाहिये, कैपमिटी के आधार पर होना चाहिये, परिषद के आधार पर होना चाहिये। दुर्भाग्य यह है कि 1971 में जब भारत पब्लिशिंग बनी गई तो आप को आश्चर्य होगा कि मेमोरेण्डम के घनदर एक बड़ा छी कि टायरेक्टर बनने के लिये 100 गैरसरकारी दल-दल

रूप का खरीदना जरूरी होगा, लेकिन बाद में उस कनाडा को बदल दिया गया, उसमें कहा गया कि 100 को बजाय 10 गैंगर खरीदना काफी होगा। इसका मतलब यह है कि सत्र सत्र 1000 रुपया भी लगाना नहीं चाहते थे, केवल 100 रुपय लगा कर 10 गैंगर खरीद कर वह मासिक वेतनाजग डायनस्ट वन ग। 1971 में वह टैक्स नहीं देना थे लेकिन आज वह करोड़पति बने हुए हैं आज मल्टी मिलियनर बने हुए है। 6-7 साल का अन्दर यह पैसा—या आप समझें है कानूनी ढंग से उनके पास आया है। मैंने इसके बारे में तकपोल डकट्टी को है बड़ी मेहनत में डकट्टी की है जिन्हें एक-एक करके आप का सामने रखना और मन्त्री महोदय से प्रार्थना करना कि वह मेरी इस बात का स्वीकार करें कि एक कमेटी बनाई जाय, क्योंकि 50 जवाहर लाल नेहरू ने भी जय सरदार प्रताप सिंह के बारे में कमेटी बनाई थी तब उन्होंने कहा था—मैं उनका कोट कर रहा हूँ—

'It is our duty from the point of view of maintaining high standards and conventions in public life and administration to give full consideration to any serious charges which might be made. Normally only the charges which have some prima facie substance in them should be subjected to a regular inquiry. Since they have been made to our President and they have been repeated often in the press and platform, I think, an inquiry is desirable.'

अध्यक्ष महोदय, उन्होंने इन्स्पायरी की लेकिन इस रीज में निम्न 6 साल से इस मदन में, एसेम्बली में, एसेम्बली के बाहर प्रेस में, सचिवारी में बार बार एन्विजेशन लगाए जा रहे थे लिख कर दिया जा रहा था लेकिन दुर्भाग्य की बात है कि तब एन डेक्लैरेड कांस्पिरसी ऊपर से नीचे तक चल रही थी और उन एन्विजेशन पर कोई धमल नहीं

किया गया और यह कहा गया कि कोई कार्यवाही चलाने नहीं है। अपने पार्टी के लोगों का बँटा कर यह बँटित दिया जाता है कि सब ठीक है। मैं कहता हूँ कि यह सब आई-बाश है। आज जनता के करबट ली है और नहीं सरकार बनी है। इस सरकार के सामने मैं एन एक चीज रख कर गिनाना चाहता हूँ और मैं चाहता हूँ कि उनकी इन्स्पायरी बरखा जाए कि वे चीजें ठीक हैं या गलत। हमें इस देश के जीवन को स्पष्ट बनाना है और इस देश को आगे ले जाना है। इस देश में डेमोक्रेसी रचनी है तो इस दृष्टिकोण से चाहे बड़ा आदमी हो या छोटा आदमी मुकदमा सत्र पर चलाया जा सके। अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप सहमत होंगे कि अगर कोई बड़ा आदमी गलती करता है तो उसको ज़ादा से ज़ादा और बड़ी सजा मिलनी चाहिए।

सबसे पहली चीज तो मैं मासिक प्राइवेट लिमिटेड के बारे में बहना चाहता हूँ। उनके लिए सत्र सत्र 145 एकड़ जमीन ली। प्लाट डेवलपमेंट के नाम पर हरियाणा गवर्नमेंट ने जमीन एवायर की थी लेकिन प्राइवेट कम्पनी को 445 एकड़ जमीन दी गई। अध्यक्ष महोदय, दुनिया में फार्म और रोन्स रायस जैसी बड़ी बड़ी कम्पनियों के पास भी इतनी ज्यादा जमीन का एरिया नहीं है और दुनिया की किसी भी बड़े कम्पनी और मोटर कम्पनी के पास इतना बड़ा एरिया नहीं है जितना कि मासिक के पास है और वह जमीन भी उनकी थी एवे प्राइसेज में, बहुत सस्ते दामों पर मिली है। जो मार्केट रेट है उसके 15वें हिस्से से भी कम पर वह जमीन मासिक को दी गई है और केवल 40 लाख रुब में वह जमीन दी गई है जहाँ बाजार भाव से उसकी वॉल्यूम 4 करोड़ रुपय होनी चाहिए (ध्यान दें) मैं बाद की बात कर रहा हूँ और वह 1969 की बात है।

मैं यह भी कहना चाहता हूँ कि 45 लाख रुपया जो हरियाणा गवर्नमेंट को कम्पेंसेशन

[नी करारना गुण]

का मिलना था वह पैसा भी मारति न हरियाणा
गवनम का नया किया है। माप 1975 की
बैलेंस शीत उठा कर देख लीजिए। उन
बैलेंसगीन 33 लाख 80 हजार 452 रुपये
भी 1975 में भारति को देना था। इसका
मतलब यह कि 34 लाख रुपये मारति क
लिए हरियाणा गवनम इतना कर रही है।
वह सस्ती जमीन दे रही है जगान जमीन दे
रहा है और उसके साथ 34 लाख रुपये और
भी लगा रहा है। माप 1975 की बैलेंसगीन
देख लीजिए। मरे आफड मिशन टीका है।

अध्यक्ष मणोरम में पूरा सारा है कि क्या
यह पट्टानज रहा है? वह बिपरा का जमान
था और बिपरा इत्यादि का क नवीन को
कमजोर नहीं हो सकती थी। हमको बाय
पैशन हू है। यह पट्टानज नहीं है ना और
कहा है। इसा आवनीगन क कारण बशीलान
को घोबलाइज किया गया। उहान सजय
गाना को घोबलाइज किया और सजय गांधी की
बजह उनको माता जी प्राइम मिनिस्टर ने
बशीलान जी न जो कुछ किया था उस पर
कुछ बायबागी नहीं की। वह चाह कुछ कर
और सजय साय चाह कुछ कर लिया था
उनक खिलाफ कोई बायबाही नरा बना
नहीं था। करो के बा जो उनका लका है
किया था उसके बारे में जज न कहा था कि
उहका न गान बाय किया है धारा का
दवा कर और लोगों को उहोंने घोबला
किया है और उन लोग को खा करों क
लिए चीफ मिनिस्टर न बाय किया था।
इसलिए चीफ मिनिस्टर भी गीवा है।

मैं डेलीवर्ट कासिग्रेसी इसनिए कहना
हू कि बसी साल ने सजय गांधी को घोबलाइज
किया और खुश होकर श्रीमती इति गांधी ने
उनको गस्त नाम करने की छूट दी थी खुला
इसकी छूट श्री बसी साल को दे दी। चालीस
हजार की एकड वाली जमीन उनको

दम हजार की एकड में दे दी गई। फिर
उनका पूरा रुपया भी उहोंने घात हो किया।
मैं जानता च हू कि मारति को उनका
पीजना कैसे दे दिया गया? रजिस्ट्री उसको
बस कर दी गई? या तभी हा हो है जब पैसा
लिया जाता है। जब तक यह हा हो है
मजान उस पर नहा बन सकता है। पैसा नहीं
दिया गया तो रजिस्ट्री कैसे हुई, उस जमीन
क ऊपर बसट्रगन कैसे हुआ। मैं समझता
हू कि मर कुछ बसून के खिलाफ हुआ
प्रोस जर क खिलाफ हुआ। पैसा नहीं दिया
गया रजिस्ट्री भी नहा हुई लेकिन बहा पर
किडनी छडी कर दा गई। या मर प्रोग न
का बायगन था।

मैं जानता च हू कि क्या किसी
और प्राइवट कम्पनी के साथ भी ऐसा किया
गया है जिस तरह से श्री सजय गांधी की
कम्पनी के साथ किया गया है इन प्रकार स
बिन। पैस लिये सरकार ने किस और कम्पनी
को देश में जमीन दी है। श्री हिन्दू देसाई
बडे हुए हैं और म मुख्य मंत्री तो रह चुके हैं
वे यहां बडे हुए हैं मैं उनमें ही पूछना
चाहता हू कि क्या उहोंने किस और कम्पनी
के साथ ऐसा किया है जो प्रधान मंत्री का
बडा नहीं था उसने साथ ऐसा किया है
इन प्रकार न किया उ। जो है
अगर नहीं किया है तो क्या यह सही नहीं है
कि यह कनीयर पजर था मिम्यूट आथोरिटी
का और पावर का था गवनमट मशीनरी का
था। मैं समझता हू कि इट बाज ए फांड
अन दी पीपल लिविंग इन न बिजेजिज।
उनको उज ड कर इस तरह से जमीन एक्वायर
करने उसकी दी गई।

मैं यह भी बता देना चाहता हू कि
445 एकड में से दो सौ एकड जमीन खाला
पड़ी हुई है और उसमें खती हो रही है।
पांच लाख रुपये का सालाना उससे इ कम
होती है। माप मारति का इनकम टैक्स का
केस निवाल कर देखें और पता लगाए कि

क्या पाच लाख की इनकम कही बताई गई है ? नहीं बताई जा रही है मासि लिमिटेड में । सजय गांधी भी अपनी रिटर्न में नहीं बताते हैं । वह पैसा जेब्र में डाला जा रहा है । उस पर क्या कोई कागून लागू नहीं होता ? क्यों नहीं इनकम टैक्स आयोरिटीड उस पर कोई कार्यवाही करती है ? दो सौ एकड़ के फार्म पर कायत होती है । हर साल लगभग पाच लाख रुपया उससे आमदना होती है । उस पर कम से कम इनकम टैक्स तो लगाना चाहिये । इन आमदानी का रिटर्न में १ कहीं दिखाया जाना चाहिये । लेकिन दिखाया नहीं गया है । आप इनकमायरी करके पता लगा लें ।

अब मैं जो मैटीरियल उनको सप्ताई किया जाना था उसके बारे में कहना चाहता हूँ । उन दिनों में जब यह कारखाना बन लोहे और सीमेंट की बहुत कमी थी । वसी लाल जी की तरफ से उनको इतना कोटा दिया गया कि उसको उन्होंने ब्लैक में बेचा, जो सरप्लस था । यहाँ दिल्ली के मोतियान खान में खुले आम ब्लैक में टूको में ल कर उसको बेचा गया । अगर मंत्री महोदय इस बात का विश्वास दिलाए कि कोई कार्रवाई नहीं उनके खिलाफ होगी तो मैं उन लोगों को यहाँ लाकर पेश कर सकता हूँ और जो खुल कर यह ब्यान देने को तैयार हैं कि मासि के टूको में स्टील यहाँ आता था और ब्लैक में बिखता था । ब्लैक इस प्रकार से करके 25 लाख का गोलमाल किया गया । अब आप उससे प्रॉफिट एंड लॉस एकाउंट को देखें तो पच्चीस लाख की जगह उन्होंने पाच लाख रुपया ही नफा इसका दिखाया है । क्या गवर्नमेंट भरोसे की यह मिसगुज नहीं है ? कोटा ज्यादा क्यों दिया गया । अगर दिया गया और उससे पास माल फावत या तो कानून कहता है कि फावत माल को वापस लिया जाए सरकार को । ऐसा न करके उसको ब्लैक में बेच कर नाजायज तौर पर रुपया बनाया गया । जो पब्लिक मैन है जो पोलिटिक्ल आदमी है इस तरह की बात

उसको शोभा नहीं देती है, इस प्रकार से रुपया ऐंठना ठीक नहीं है ।

16 00 hrs

एक व्यक्ति ने दस रुपये वाले दस शेयर खरीदे और इस प्रकार से उनका एनवैस्टमेंट केवल सौ रुपये का है सारी मासि पब्लिक लिमिटेड में अर्थात् श्री सजय गांधी का शेयर आज छ साल में उन्होंने एक जबरदस्त एकोनामिक एम्पायर खड़ी कर ली है । उस कम्पनी के साथ दो और कम्पनियां बन गई हैं । एक मासि हैवी वीहिकल्स बना ली है और एक मासि टेक्नीकल सर्विसिज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड बना ली है । अब आप मोडस ऑफ़ेडी को देखें । मासि पब्लिक लिमिटेड में करीब 68 लाख का नुकसान हुआ । हर साल नुकसान हो रहा है । लेकिन फिर भी हर साल इसके गेज लोखाने हैं । खरीदने वाले कौन होते हैं ? जिनको बाजार का पता है, शेयर बाजार का पता है वे जानते हैं कि जिस कम्पनी को नुकसान होता है उस कम्पनी के शेयरों के भाव गिरते हैं और उस कम्पनी के शेयर खरीदने वाले नहीं रह जाते हैं । लेकिन यहाँ दुनिया से अजीब चीज होती है । मासि को हर साल 15, 20, 25 लाख का घाटा होता है, 68 लाख का घाटा 1975 तक हो चुका था लेकिन इससे शेयर हर साल खरीदे जाते रहे । पहले साल 25 लाख के शेयर लोगों ने खरीदे । दूसरे साल ११ लाख के शेयर । तीसरे साल 85 लाख के शेयर लोगो ने खरीदे । कितने लोगो ने खरीदे ? बड़े बड़े इन्स्ट्रुमेंटल्स ने खरीदे, बिडला ने खरीदे । क्यों खरीदे ? कोई अपना पचास लाख रुपया गटर में डालना नहीं चाहता है । इसलिए खरीदे कि पचास लाख इनवैस्ट करके पचास करोड़ का फायदा उनको होगा, उन को मान्य था कि नई दिन्नी के ब सकदरजम रोड पर पहुँचना है तो बाया सजय जाना चाहिये, बाया मासि जाना चाहिये और बाया मासि जाकर उनको थोड़ा भी भिव सकता है, परमिट भी भिव सकता है । जो कम्पनी पाटे में जाती है मैंने बताया है कि उसके शेयर

[श्री नवर लाल गुप्त]

रोड रोटर बनाने के लिये मशीनरी कुल 12,231 रुपये की है। क्या आप विश्वास करेंगे कि 12 हजार की मशीनरी से आप रोड रोटर बना सकते हैं? बैंक्सशीट में लिखा है कि 9,12,562 रुपये के तो फिनिश प्राइज़न क्रिय और जो मैमी-फिनिश है वह 680,281 रुपये के हैं यानी 16 लाख रुपये की प्राइज़न 12 हजार रुपये की मशीनरी करेगी। बाह बाह यह तो कमाल है।

मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि इसका मतलब क्या है? रोड रोटर और पुर्जे वह दूसरी से बनना रहे हैं और वह सरकार से ज्यादा पैसा लेकर उने बेचते हैं। दूसरा से वह सस्ता खरीदते हैं और ज्यादा पैसा लेकर बेचते हैं। पहले 6 रोड रोटर उन्होंने प्रो० एन० जी० सी० देहादून को बेचे। अब तक जितने भी रोड रोटर बेचे गये हैं, वे सब सरकार को बेचे गये हैं या जो सरकारी सम्पत्ति हैं, उनको बेचे गये हैं। एक भी प्राइवेट आदमी ने रोड रोटर नहीं खरीदा। जितनी भी मासुति की या सज्ज साहब की डीलिंग्स हैं, वे सारी सरकार के साथ हैं। इसका मतलब साफ है कि यह एक बहुत बड़ा फ्राड है। नाम यह है कि रोड राटर है, लेकिन यह क्या है? दिल्ली में डी० डी० ए० के पास एक रोड रोटर इनका है, वह कहते हैं कि चलता ही नहीं, खर्चा लगाना पड़ता है, उसने भी नहीं चलता। लेकिन सज्ज साहब उनका गला दबाते हैं फफसरो को बुला कर कहते हैं कि तुम्हें खरीदना पड़ेगा। उनके पास कोई बचाव नहीं है, या तो वे नीकरी छोड़कर जायें, या उनका तबादला मिजोरम गैर में कर दिया गया। या तो नीकरी छोड़कर जायें, या रोड राटर खरीदना ही पड़ेगा, क्योंकि प्रधान मंत्री का भाषावाच उनसे साथ था।

मासुति टेक्निक्स जो तीसरी फर्म है, उसमें सोनिया गांधी मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर और सज्ज गांधी डायरेक्टर हैं। इस कम्पनी में टेक्निक्स नो-हाऊ के नाम से बहुत प्राफिट होना है। दोनों कम्पनियों का प्राफिट टेक्निक्स नो-हाऊ के नाम से यहाँ इकट्ठा हो जाना है। यह भ्रमली कम्पनी है। उन के पास क्या टेक्निक्स नो-हाऊ है? इन दोनों में से कौन एग्जम्पट है? उन के पास क्या मशीनरी है? आखिर टेक्निक्स नो-हाऊ देने के लिए भी कोई मशीनरी होनी चाहिए। उन के पास सिर्फ 5,246 रुपये की मशीनरी है।

पेट्रोल सेवर बनाने की बात भी बड़ी जाती है, लेकिन वास्तव में वे नहीं बनते हैं। उन के पास सिर्फ 746 रुपये की आई है। इस तरह से सामा को धोखा देना और केवल रूपया कमाना देशद्रोह है। इसी लिए मैंने कहा है कि यह एक वास्पीरेसी है और लोगों के साथ फ्राड किया गया है। मैं यह प्रस्ताव खुशी से नहीं रख रहा हूँ, लेकिन जनहित को सामने रखते हुए मुझे यह सब कहना पड़ रहा है।

इस कम्पनी का प्राइजेंट पहले टेक्निकल नो-हाऊ था। तीन दफा एम्ब एंड प्राइजेंट्स बदले गये। उन्होंने यू० एस० ए० के पाइपर प्लेन की एजेंसी ली और सब स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स और गवर्नमेंट अडमिनिस्ट्रेशन से कहा कि उन्हें यह खरीदना है। उन्होंने ये प्लेन खरीदे और इन लोगों को कमीशन मिला।

बोइंग प्लेन की भी उन्होंने एजेंसी ली। मेरे पास छ सात कम्पनियों की लिस्ट है। यू० एस० ए० का हारवेस्टर है। ये सब विदेशी कम्पनियाँ हैं। अगर किसी ने 1, सफ़रदरज रोड पर पकड़ना है, तो वह बायाँ मासुति जायेगा। वह इन लोगों को खुले-आम कमीशन देगा या घर जा कर देगा।

इस तरह से करोड़ों रुपये बटारे गये हैं । कुछ पैसा यहाँ रखा गया है और ज्यादातर पैसा विदेशों में रखा गया है । क्या यह मिसयूज आफ आफिस नहीं है ?

मेरे पास इस बात का सुवृत्त है कि पहले प्लानिंग कमीशन ने कहा कि बोइंग प्लेन ठीक नहीं है, हम दूसरा प्लेन लेंगे । लेकिन अचानक सरकार ने कहा कि यही प्लेन चाहिए । जब पैसा पहुँच गया, तो सरकार का विचार भी बदल गया । एयरबस के बारे में भी यही हुआ । इस व बारे में पहले विचार भी नहीं किया गया । एक्सपर्ट्स ने ट्राईस्टार प्लेन खरीदने के लिए कहा था । लेकिन अचानक सरकार ने अपनी राय बदल दी और एयरबस खरीदे । जिन सरकारों के ये प्लेन हैं, उन्होंने भी बड़ी मुश्किल से इन्हें खरीदा है । एक्सपर्ट्स का कहना है कि उन की एडवाइस के खिलाफ यह काम हुआ है ।

जहाँ तब बसों की वाइनिंग का प्रश्न है, भारत ने मध्य प्रदेश, हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश, दिल्ली और राजस्थान के लिए ठेका लिया हुआ है । इन के पास किन्नी मशीनें हैं ? अगर यह फ़ाट नहीं है, तो और क्या है ?

मैं गृह मंत्री से प्रार्थना करूँगा कि वह इस सम्बन्ध में एक कमीशन से इस की पूरी जाँच करवाये, ताकि आने वाली सन्तान यह समझे कि सामाजिक तथा राजनैतिक क्षेत्र में काम करने वालों को इस तरह की गलत और भ्रष्ट कार्यवाहियाँ करो के लिए कड़ी सजा देनी चाहिए, लेकिन उन को मौका दे कर । मैं यह नहीं कहता कि उन को मिसा में रखा जाय या उन को मौका न दिया जाय । उन को पूरा मौका जनता पार्टी की सरकार देगी और मौका देने के बाद अगर वह कमीशन या कमेटी इस चीज को मान ले कि यह यह गलतियाँ थी हैं तो उन को

कड़ी सजा मिले ताकि आगे आने वाले राजनीति में काम करने वाले उस को न दोहराये । उन्हें मालूम होना चाहिए कि हमारा भी वही भविष्य होगा जो सजय जी का हुआ ।

अब मैं नागरवाला केस में आता हूँ ।

MR SPEAKER You must finish quickly, in another five minutes because the second Resolution has to be moved before we conclude

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE We will sit longer We will sit up to 7 O'Clock

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त अभी तो सिर्फ मारुति की कहानी कही है । अभी दो कहानियाँ और बाकी हैं ।

MR SPEAKER Mr Gupta, you should be short so that we can push it through and finish The second Resolution must have a place That is why I am appealing to you (Interruptions)

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त अध्यक्ष महोदय, नागरवाला के केस में 60 लाख रुपये आया । क्या आज तक ऐसा कभी हुआ है कि किसी बैंक ने 60 लाख रुपये टेलीफोन पर दे दिया हो ? बैंक से रुपये मिलता है चेक पर या ट्रान्शे पर । लेकिन टेलीफोन बोर्ड कर दे कि 60 लाख रुपये की बंगला देश के लिए सीक्रेट फंड की जरूरत है और उस के अन्दर प्राइवेट सेक्रेटरी प्राइम मिनिस्टर का हों, फिर प्राइम मिनिस्टर हूँ और फिर खजाची लेकर चला जाय, मैनेजर भी नहीं, किसी से पूछे भी नहीं और वह ल कर चल दे, माटर में जा कर उस को सॉल्वे दे, क्या दुनिया के इतिहास में किसी बैंक ने ऐसा हुआ है ? ऐसा नहीं नहीं हुआ है ।

दूसरी चीज महोदय साहब जो यह पैसा लेकर गए थे आज वे मारुति लिमिटेड में काम कर रहे हैं । आज भी मारुति में वे चीज

[श्री कवर लाल गुप्त]

एकाउण्ट हैं और मेरी नागरवाला मे भी बाव हुई है जेल में। मुने प्रिविनेज द्वारा इस बात का कि नागरवाला से मरी खुद डेड पण्टे बाव हुई। उन्होंने यह कहा कि दो बार इन्दिरा जी से मिला हूँ उन्हें। जिक्र किया मेरे सामने कि मैं दो बार इन्दिरा जी से मिला हूँ। उनी समय से जब मेरी बात हुई तो मैं ने अखबारी से कहा और कुछ अखबारों में बात छपी भी है। उन की बात हुई। लेकिन जो बात समझ में नहीं आती है वह मैं आप के सामने रखना चाहता हूँ कि जो कथना लिया गया वह किम एकाउण्ट म डेविट किया गया, यह एक बड़ा सबान है। आप ने नागरवाला की सजा दे दी। एक कन्फेशन करवा लिया और कन्फेशन कराने के बाद सजा दे दी। क्या किसी भी त्रिभिनल कोर्ट में इस तरह का काम होता है कि वगैर एविडेंस लिये, वगैर गवाही लिए इ-ने सीरियस केस में जिस में 60 लाख रुपये के एम्बरजलमेंट का मामला हो, एक प्राइमरी कन्फेशन कर ले और उस पर उस को सजा दे कर के छुट्टी कर दें। ऐसा किसी कोर्ट में हिन्दुस्तान नहीं होता। मुझे भी थोड़ा बहुत मायूम है और आप से बहुत से त्रिभिनल सायर भी होंगे वे जानते होंगे। उस का एविडेंस होता चाहिए, उस का क्वेश्चरेशन होना चाहिए। उस का वगैर सजा नहीं मिलती है। लेकिन नागरवाला को सजा दे दी गई और विजुल तीन दिन के अन्दर वह केस हश अप किया गया। जो कन्फेशन लिया गया वह खबरेंस्त लिया गया और वह कन्फेशन क्या है यह किसी को आज तक नहीं पता है। हम चाहते हैं कि यह कन्फेशन गृह मन्त्री जी जनता के सामने रखें कि क्या कन्फेशन है?

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH
Whatever papers are available will
be placed before the House

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त - नागरवाला को सजा हुई तो उसने अपने वकील को कहा

और वकील ने बयान दिया है कि मैं चाहता हूँ कि पर्दाफाश करूँ, इसमें बड़े बड़े लोग शामिल हैं उनके बारे में मैं बताना चाहता हूँ और पर्दाफाश करना चाहता हूँ। वकील ने अखबारों में यह बात वही और अखबारों में यह बात छपी भी। लेकिन जैसे ही वह बात छपी, उसके एक दो दिन के बाद नागरवाला की मृत्यु हो गई और त्रिभने तत्कालीन की थी, प्रेसिडेंट सुप्रीमेट पुलिस थी कन्फेशन, वह भी खाम हो गया। इस तरह से सारी एविडेंस हा ही खत्म कर दिया गया। वह खाम हुई नहीं वरन् खाम कर दी गई। मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ क्या उसने कहा था? *महोदय साहब ने कहा था, जैसे ही आवाज आई प्रधान मन्त्री को, कि माताजी मैं अभी ऐसे लाता हूँ। यहाँ पर इनके अन्तर बैठे हैं, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ, क्या कोई अफसर प्राइम मिनिस्टर से इस तरह से बात करेगा? हफारे हिनेन्ट माई चीफ मिनिस्टर रह चुके हैं, हमारे एड्रामेंटा साहब मिनिस्टर रह चुके हैं क्या कभी उनके साथ किसी अफसर ने इस तरह से बात की है? क्या किसी अफसर ने कभी भाई साहब कहा है या कभी किसी न माता जी कहा है? क्या कोई बैंक का कर्मचारी प्राइम मिनिस्टर को माताजी कहकर पुत्र करेगा?*

श्री मधु लिमये - मनेजर की क्या उम्मीद थी?

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त - मनेजर की उम्मीद इन्दिरा जी की उम्मीद से ज्यादा थी। तो मैं चाहूँगा कि गृह मन्त्री जी इन्तजायरी करें। मेरे पास इन्फार्मेशन नहीं आई है क्योंकि समय थोड़ा था लेकिन मैंने सुना है कि चुनाव के नज्दीकी जिस दिन आये उसी दिन स्टेट बैंक आफ इण्डिया, नई दिल्ली से करीब सौ करोड़ रुपये निकाला गया। इसकी इन्तजायरी होनी चाहिए कि क्या यह बात सही है। इस तरह की प्रैक्टिस यहाँ पर थी। वहाँ दबाव रखा जाता था, वगैर एकाउण्ट के

रखा जाता था या जिस एकाउण्ट में रखा जाता था। इसकी इन्वॉयसी सरकार को बरखानी चाहिए।

इस सम्बन्ध में मुझे कहना है कि नागरवाला जब पकड़े गए तो एक दो दिन में उनको तीन मजिस्ट्रेटों के सामने पेश किया गया। पहले एक के पास, पेश हुए, फिर दूसरे के पास पेश हुए और फिर तीसरे के पास पेश किए गए। इसलिए मैं समझता हूँ सारा काण्ड मिस्टीरियस है मिस्ट्रो से भरा हुआ है, उसके ऊपर से पर्दा खुलना चाहिए। जिस दिन बैंक से पैसा निकाला गया उस दिन को बुक्स को और अपसरो को एग्जामिन किया जाना चाहिए।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, नागरवाला ने गड बटो की, उसको जो सजा मिली वह इस बात पर मिली कि उसने रुपया इन्वेजिलमेंट किया लेकिन वह रुपया किस एकाउण्ट में था, नागरवाला की बैकपाउण्ड क्या है, इन्दिरा जी और सजय से कोई सम्बन्ध है या नहीं, मन्होला साहब में सम्बन्ध है या नहीं—इसके बारे में कोर्ट में कुछ नहीं कहा गया। इसकी इन्वॉयसी होनी चाहिए। मैंने पुलिस आफसरों से भी बातचीत की है, उन्होंने कहा कि हमने इसने बारे में इन्वॉयसी नहीं की है। क्या वह पर पहले भी रुपया इस तरह से आता जाता रहा है, यह रुपया किस नाम से रखा जाता था या नहीं इसके नाम के रखा जाता था? इस सब बातों की इन्वॉयसी होनी चाहिए। इन बातों की इन्वॉयसी नहीं होगी तो जो नेशनलाइज्ड बैंक्स हैं उनका मिसयूज होता रहेगा। उनका मिसयूज न हो, इसके लिए इन्वॉयसी होना जरूरी है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, सन्तान कमेटी ने कहा है—अगर दस लेजिस्लेटर्स किसी के खिलाफ कह दें, करप्शन के चार्ज लगा दें तो उस की

इन्वॉयसी होनी चाहिये। एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव रिफॉर्म कमीशन न भी कहा है कि लोकपाल और लोक आयुक्त की नियुक्ति होगी, लेकिन बसी लाल का कैसे ऐसा है जहां 123 पार्लियामेंट के मेम्बर्स ने कहा, जहां हरियाणा के कई विधायकों ने कहा, हरियाणा के स्पीकर ने कहा, इस सदन में कहा गया राज्य सभा में कहा गया, हरियाणा असेम्बली में कहा गया, बाहर कहा गया, जितने विरोधी पक्ष थे, तभी भी पोलिटिकल पार्टियों ने प्रस्ताव पाम किया—लेकिन वह सरकार टस-से-मस नहीं हुई। क्यों? इस लिये कि उस न ग्रेटेर का मोन्लाइज किया था, उस के खिलाफ इन्वॉयसी कैसे हो सकती थी। उस ने सजय को मोन्लाइज किया था, अधर बेटे के साथ प्यार होता ही है, बेटे के प्यार के साथ मा भी मोन्लाइज की, इस लिये कुछ नहीं हुआ, खुली छूट बी गई कि कुछ भी करो।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे पास तफसील है, जिस में पूरी डिटेल् दी गई है कि किस तरह से इलेक्ट्रिसिटी बोर्ड का पैसा, करोड़। रुपया बसी लाल और उन के साथियों ने खाय। इस में सिर्फ डिटेल् ही नहीं है, बल्कि डेटावाइज ट्रांजेक्शन्स और जितना एमाउण्ट इन्वाल्ड है—उन सब का जिम्मा है। मुझे इस को टेबिल पर रखने की आज्ञा दे दीजिये ताकि सब को गानकारी हो सके। इस में करीब 50 बेंसेज हैं। अगर आप आज्ञा दें तो इस को टेबिल पर रख दूँ।

MR SPEAKER Why do you want to place that on the Table? You are already mentioning that point

SHRI KANWARLAL GUPTA Sir, it will take at least one hour to read out these papers. These will give each and every detail. To save time, may I request you kindly to allow me to place. [Placed in Library See No LT-111/77] it on the Table of the House?

MR SPEAKER All right But you have already taken enough time Please conclude There are other Members who want to speak.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA I will finish my speech within five minutes

अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं बताना रहा था कि बना खान न हरियाणा के हर एक कांग्रेसी एम० एल० ए० को तनख्वाह क थलावा दो डाइ हजार रुपये महीने की इन्तम बघवा रखी थी। हर एन बी निवे वार का इन्तजाम किया हुआ था हर एन एम० एल० ए० उन की पाकेट में था कोई उन के खिलाफ बोल नहीं सकता था। किसी को किसी चीज का चेयरमैन बना दिया किसी को कारपारेटिव का चेयरमैन बना दिया, इस तरह से सारे एम० एन० ए० को खरीद कर, जो कांग्रेस पार्टी के थे, उन को अपनी जेब में रखा हुआ था। यहाँ तक कि पब्लिक मीटिंग के अन्दर जो एम० एन० ए० डिक्लेर कर के आते थे, अग्रेसरीशन से कांग्रेस में आते थे, उन को 25 हजार वॉश मांगा की मावा पहनाई जाती थी। मैं हरियाणा का रहने वाला हूँ, मुझे मालूम है वहाँ पर पब्लिक मीटिंग में, 5-10 हजार भादमियों के बीच में 20-25 हजार के वॉश नोटों की मावा उन के घने में डाली गई।

मैं अब ज्यादा बताना नहीं चाहता हूँ— मैं अब केवल जस्टिस दास को कोट करता चाहता हूँ — जस्टिस दास ने कहा था —

"In the Karon case, Justice Das had observed that three Chief Ministers of the Punjab Government were showing undue and illegal favour to Chief Minister's son obviously to oblige the son and to please the father"

अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो बात जस्टिस दास ने कैरो के वॉश में लिखी है, वही बात इन्दिरा की और सत्य गांधी के साथ लागू होती है।

मरा बहना यह है कि—आज तो कांग्रेस के नेता भी इस बात की मांग कर रहे हैं कि बसो खान को निकाला जाना चाहिये, मैं समझता हूँ आप में से भी बहुत से लोग उस मांग पर दमस्त बन कर आते हैं—मेरी मांग है कि होम मिनिस्टरों सहित इस की पूरी एक्वायरी करावें, यहाँ तो मैंने प्रधुरी चीज रखी है, वे सारे तथ्य उस कमेटी या कमीशन के सामने आवें। इस में दर नहीं लगनी चाहिये। अगर आप एक कमीशन बैजना चाहें तो एक बैजना अथवा ये तीन स्केण्डल हैं इस लिये अलग अलग तीन कमीशन बैजवें। लेकिन देश का राजनीतिक जीवन और सामाजिक जीवन पवित्र होना चाहिये। आगे से ठीक तरह से प्रजातन्त्र चले उन के लिये आवश्यक है कि अप्रत्याचार समाप्त होना चाहिये, उस का जड़ से उन्मूलन होना चाहिये।

हमारे चौधरी चरण सिंह जो गृह मंत्री हैं इस बात में बहुत प्रसिद्ध हैं कि अप्रत्याचार समाज में न पने और ऐसा मैं मानता हूँ कि वे इस की इक्वायरी करेंगे।

MR SPEAKER Motion moved

"This House calls upon the Government to immediately appoint a high powered Committee consisting of some Members of Parliament Judges and eminent public men to go into the question of joint deliberate conspiracy by the erstwhile Government of India, Maruti Ltd and its allied concerns and Shri Bansilal (former Chief Minister of Haryana and former Defence Minister of India) against the country and the people such as Maruti and Nagarwala Scandal, and numerous illegalities committed by Shri Bansilal and submit the report to the Government within three months"

Now there are two amendments given by Shri Hukmdeo Narain Yadav Are you moving?

SHRI HUKMDEO NARAIN YADAV (Madhubani): I beg to move

That in the resolution,—
add at the end—

“and the Committee be empowered to recommend action against the guilty persons and the Government should implement the recommendations” (1)

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE I beg to move

That in the resolution,—

for “the erstwhile Government of India” substitute—

“former Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi” (2)

SHRI SAMAR GUHA What about my amendment?

MR SPEAKER I do not have any other amendment

SHRI SAMAR GUHA I have given an amendment before 10 o'clock

MR SPEAKER I am trying to locate it I will allow you to move

श्री मधु लिमये : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस में जो शब्द “अस्टेन्डार्ड गवर्नमेंट आफ इण्डिया” लिखे हैं और जिन पर श्री उनीकुण्ण एतराज कर रहे हैं, उन के लिए मैं ने अपना सशोधन दिया है और यह कहा है कि “अस्टेन्डार्ड गवर्नमेंट आफ इण्डिया” की जगह पर “फॉर्मर प्राइम मिनिस्टर श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री, जोड़ दिये जाए। यह ठीक भी है और हमारी प्रोसीडिंग में अगर इस तरह का रेज्यूलूशन होगा, तो अच्छा होगा।

श्री बसन्त सठि (धबोला) : अध्यक्ष जी, श्री कवर लाल गुप्त जी ने जो यह प्रस्ताव यहां रखा है, उस पर इतना ही मुझे कहना है, क्योंकि आप ने उस के लिए सम्मति दे दी है, कि पहले रूल 173 को आप देख लीजिए।

मेरे ख्याल से ज्यादा लोग उधर के बैठने वाले हिन्दी समझते हैं, इसलिए मैं हिन्दी में बोलूंगा लेकिन इस रूल को मैं अंग्रेजी में पढ़ देता हूँ।

Rule 173 says

Conditions of admissibility of resolution

(i) it shall be clearly and precisely expressed,

(ii) it shall raise substantially one definite issue, And then, later on, (iv) says

(iv) it shall not refer to the conduct or character of persons except in their official or public capacity, And (v) says

(v) it shall not relate to any matter which is subject to adjudication I specifically want to invite your kind attention to these things because unfortunately this resolution, as we see it is an omnibus resolution I am not imputing motives to my friend Although you Sir in your wisdom gave your consent to it, this resolution violates all the 3 conditions required to be satisfied. It is not that one or the other has to be satisfied Each one of them needs to be satisfied Take the condition, viz ‘it shall raise substantially one definite issue’ This resolution does not do so I will tell you how What is the issue raised?

MR. SPEAKER Are you raising an issue, or replying to him? Half the discussion is over

SHRI VASANT SATHE I am pointing these out and opposing the resolution, so that when it comes to vote, I would like to satisfy this House that such a resolution cannot be accepted

MR. SPEAKER There is a point of order raised

SHRI SONU SINGH PATIL (Erardol): The Member is trying to repeat

[Shri Sonu Singh Patel]

the point advanced by Mr Unnikrishnan. The ruling has already been given

SHRI VASANT SATHE I am pointing out to the Members that this resolution in the form in which it is does not deserve to be passed. You will ultimately put it to vote. It does not deserve to be passed and I am giving the reasons for it based on a salutary principle. There is a principle behind it. The principle is that we stick to one subject.

अध्यक्ष जी मैं यह कह रहा था कि कवर लाल जी ने यह जा प्रस्ताव पढ़ा रखा है इसमें मांग की जा रही है कि इसके पहले की सरकार गवर्नमेंट इंडिया की जो इन्होंने अर्रेंडमेंट रखी है वह जब मजूर होगी तब होगी—वे कारोबार माहिति लिमिटेड—जो कि गवर्नमेंट द्वारा इंडिया का भाग नहीं है—वे कारोबार, और जो एक स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का चीफ मिनिस्टर रह चुके हैं उनके कारोबार की जांच की जाए। यह तीन चीजें उन्होंने एक साथ रख दी हैं और उसके साथ साथ नागरवाला स्केडन को रिवाइव करने की मांग भी कर डाली है। मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि साहूज जा दावापरी कमेटी बनेगी वह क्या उन सबको एक साथ देख सकती है ?

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त अलग अलग कर दें।

श्री वसंत साठे जा हाँ मैं चाहते हैं कि अब अन्वेषण ।

Nobody in his senses would ever say that justice should not be done. If a matter needs to be enquired into an enquiry should be held. I am not on that point. I am saying that in the form you are asking for an enquiry instead of leading to justice it will lead to injustice because it will be an omnibus enquiry into all conceivable matters. If it is an omnibus enquiry into the deeds of the previous Government how long do we go?

Are we going only up to Nagarwala? Why not beyond that? Why not go into the bad deeds of the Government for all these 30 years? Why not the Janata Government have an omnibus enquiry into all the matters of corruption alleged or otherwise since independence? That will include enquiries into allegations against members like Shri Biju Patnaik enquiries into the allegations made by my hon. friend Shri Madhu Limaye against the son of Shri Morarji Desai. That will bring in everything. Why exclude anybody? If you include everything then justice will be done. For instance enquiries have been held and reports have come against Shri Prakash Singh Badal. That will also be covered by that enquiry. Therefore those who seek justice must go with clean hands. That is the principle of jurisprudence.

I do not think anybody will have any grudge against an enquiry. Let us have an enquiry an omnibus enquiry. I will support that. But it should not relate only to the last ten years it should relate to the last 30 years. As one Member stated the other day now a new chapter has started according to him when a second Republic is born one Republic of 30 years has gone. They have brought about the death of that Republic. India is now born into a new Republic a Janata Republic. Very good. Now let us enquire into the commissions and omissions a complete post mortem a complete heart-searching and punish everyone who is guilty from the time of independence if they are alive. If they are dead well we can have the consolation that God has punished them we cannot help it. But in the case of those who are alive let every one be punished if found guilty. Let no one be spared. Otherwise you are liable to the charge of being vindictive. If you say that you are going to begin only from the day the Indira Gandhi Government took over then that will be open to the charge of vindictiveness against a few persons. You are only exposing yourself by that.

Therefore if Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta wants justice if he is really sincere and impartial about it I would beg of him to amend this Resolution to say that you will have a total omnibus enquiry into all matters I do not mind even if it is a parliamentary enquiry though it may take a longer time if you want it so

श्री मधु लिमये अथ एक नया प्रस्ताव
ने आया ।

SHRI VASANT SATHE As was pointed out in the case of Maruti so many persons have been given agencies and one of them was even thrown into jail under MISA Now everybody is free and they have opportunities of filing private suits for recovery

Here what are they asking for? If there is a judicial enquiry, an impartial person will preside and there is a procedure for conducting it Here he wants Members of Parliament to be included If Members of Parliament are included it cannot be a judicial enquiry strictly Then he wants eminent public men also to be included Thereby we will have a committee which will be neither judicial nor quasi-judicial What kind of committee will that be? will it inspire confidence?

Secondly it will be a fishing enquiry because you are bringing here every thing under the sun as it were You are not specific confining yourself to a particular subject I can understand if he had said that there should be an enquiry into the affairs of Maruti Limited and that there should be a report within three months That is understandable but this raises a doubt because you are asking for a fishing enquiry Kindly see the wording It says

" Maruti and Nagarwala Scandals and numerous illegalities committed by Shri Bansi Lal "

Where will it lead to? Therefore I submit without imputing any motives to my hon friend, Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta that the resolution is not proper for two reasons namely that it is

not specific and that it does not talk of a judicial enquiry but a fishing enquiry which will politicalise it The moment you politicalise it it will lose all its significance, it will only lead to a vindictive attitude of victimisation Therefore I submit that this resolution is not proper This resolution is not intended to do justice or bring people to justice but is only a political resolution which betrays the intention or motive of victimisation This is the impression that will be created

On the one hand you do not want to bring in all those who were before here in the Government, on the other hand it is not confined to a specific subject So the intention does not appear to be to get justice or bring to book the wrong doers, but to have a fishing enquiry in the same spirit or pattern which was betrayed of character assassination That will be the impression created by this resolution.

If you want justice, the resolution must be of a different type We oppose this resolution the spirit behind it and the contents in it and the form in which it is given

AN HON MEMBER You are a very good advocate of corruption

श्री मधु लिमये • अध्यक्ष महोदय मैंने श्री साठे जी का भाषण ध्यान से सुना । मेरी राय में उसका पहला ज़ा हिस्सा था वह त्रिलकुल वेमतलव था क्योंकि जब अध्यक्ष महोदय के द्वारा प्रक्रिया के बारे में निर्णय दिया जा चुका है तो उसके बाद उसकी सम्पन्ध में कुछ कहना बहुत ही अनावश्यक और नैर-मुनासिब भी है ।

एक बात से मैं सहमत हो सकता हूँ कि जो भी जाच हो, न्यायिक और निष्पक्ष जाच हो और किसी भी व्यक्ति विद्रोह की भावना से वह प्रेरित न हो यह मैं मानता हूँ । लेकिन साथ ही साथ मुझे यह सुनकर बड़ा अचरज हो रहा है कि जिन व्यक्तियों ने आप लोग को प्रतिपक्ष में बैठा दिया, उन व्यक्तियों

[श्री मधु लिमये]

क बारे में आपका मोह अभी भी नहा दूट रहा है मरी समय में यह नहीं आ रहा है। आप व्यक्ति पूजा करते हैं मैं आपको दाखी ठहराना है आप लोगों ने इन्दिरा जी का पर्सनल कन्टैक्ट इस देश में स्थापित करने का प्रयास किया 1971 में गरावी हटाओ के नाम पर जनता का आपने ठगा और जैसे ही 5 साल पूरे होना लगे और आपको ऐसा लगा कि जब वोट दिया जायेगा लावनभा के चुनाव के लिये तो आप बुरी तरह हारण ता आपने इस सवटकार की घोषणा कर के अपनी जान की बचाने का प्रयास किया।

श्री बसन्त साठे सक्क बाल के दौरान

श्री मधु लिमये साठे जी मैं आपका मापण शक्ति से मुक्त रहा था अगर आपको बोलना है तो मैं बैठ जाता हूँ आप बोल लीजिये मैं फिर बोलूँ।

श्री बसन्त साठे आप व्यक्ति पूजा की बात करत हैं जिनका व्यक्ति पूजा आप थर्डेय म्वर्गेय डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया का करत हैं उनकी हम इन्दिरा जी की नहीं करत हैं।

श्री मधु लिमये आप डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया और इन्दिरा जी की तुलना कर रहे हैं।

श्री बसन्त साठे आखिरी सवाल यह खटून बड़े हो सकते हैं।

श्री मधु लिमये राम मनोहर लोहिया की तुलना इन्दिरा जी से कर रहे हैं ..

MR SPEAKER Mr Madhu Limaye one minute We can avoid this trouble. If he begins to address you and you begin to address him then it cannot be avoided You address the Chair You are not going through the Chair at all. If you want to avoid this party or that

party, why don't you do it so that I can take the blame of both of you.

श्री मधु लिमये अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं इसलिये बैठ था कि मुझे लगा कि श्री बसन्त साठे कोई बड़िया मुद्दा सदन के सामने रख रहे हैं। अच्छा विवाद हो, इस दृष्टि से मैं बैठ गया।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझे लगता है कि इन लोगों का मोह उन व्यक्तियों के बारे में अभी भी नहीं टूटा है और एक नया पड़ोस अभी से शुरू हो गया है कि उस व्यक्ति को और उस परिवार को कैसे जल्द से जल्द वापस लाया जाये। जहाँ व्यक्ति विद्रोह नहीं होना चाहिये, वहाँ जिन लोगों ने इस देश में साथ गद्गारी की, 60 करोड़ लोगों को तकलीफ दी, पीडा दी उन व्यक्तियों के बारे में क्या हम इतना भी नहीं कह सकते हैं कि 'याय' के आधार पर उनको सजा मिलनी चाहिये?

मैं आपकी मापण काद्रम दल के सदस्यों से कहना चाहता हूँ कि भूला और बिसरी की आप बात करत हैं, मैं बहुत कुछ भूलन और बिसरन के लिये तैयार हूँ लेकिन कुछ बातें ऐसी हैं अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपसे पूछना कि क्या उनको भूला जा सकता है? हम लोगो का बिना कमर, बिना धज्ज भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री ने जेल में डाल दिया। इस का मैं भूल सकता हूँ मात्र भी कर सकता हूँ क्योंकि 18 साल की उम्र में हम ने यही धंधा किया है, अन्याय के खिलाफ लड़त लड़त हम जेल में जाने ही रहे हैं। मुझे वह तकलीफ नहीं है। लेकिन हमारे प्रधान मंत्री जिन की उम्र उस समय 80 साल थी हमारे गृह मंत्री जो खा लाख किसानों के नेता हैं जिन की उम्र 74 साल थी और लोक नायक जयप्रकाश नारायण जिन की उम्र 72 साल थी उनका इन्दिरा गांधी ने जेल दिया, क्या इस को कभी भूला जा सकता है? मेरे मित्र जार्ज फ्रैंडोस की आप ने हत्यारी लगाई मंत्री सभावा उन के भाइया की साथ में टाँपेर किया। फिर भी मैं भुलान और

विसराने के लिए तैयार हूँ। लेकिन हमारे वजुर्ग नेताओं की जो तौहीन की गई, क्या उस को भुलाया जा सकता है ?

17 00 hrs

जब मैं अपने क्षेत्र में पहुँचा तो पहली बड़ी सभा 24 फरवरी को मुँगेर जिले में झाझा क्षेत्र में हुई। बाराजोर पचायत के निवासी, रामेश्वर खिदास ने, जो चमार जाति का हरिजन था, मुझे टोका और एक आवेदन-पत्र दिया, जिस में उस ने कहा कि उस के 14 साल के लड़के को आसनसोल स्टेशन पर पकड़ा गया और उस की गया रेलवे अस्पताल में ले जा कर उस पर जबरन नवबन्दी आपरेशन किया गया। इसी प्रकार झाझा क्षेत्र के घुघुलडिह ग्राम के 12 साल के लड़के, ब्रह्मादेव पासवान, और बाबा क्षेत्र के 15 साल के लड़के, लाल मोहन हरिजन, का भी नवबन्दी आपरेशन किया गया। लोग कह रहे हैं कि भूलो और विसराओ। मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि हम भूलने और विसराने के लिए तैयार हैं, मगर इस तरह की जो बातें हुई हैं, उन को भूला नहीं जा सकता है।

इस प्रस्ताव की शब्दावली के बारे में मुझे कुछ नहीं कहना है। इस से बढ़िया प्रस्ताव भी बन सकता है। मुझे ऐसा लगा कि अगर इस में भारत सरकार के पड़मन का उल्लेख न होता, तो बेहतर होता। इसी लिए मैं ने "भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री, श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी" शब्द जोड़े हैं।

मेरे मित्र, श्री खबर लाल गुप्त, ने इस बहस को इस लिए उठाया है कि वह देश का ध्यान इस बात की ओर दिलाना चाहते हैं कि विगत सात आठ वर्षों में हमारे देश में एक व्यक्ति का शासन कायम हो गया, एक व्यक्ति के हाथ में सारी सत्ता इकट्ठा होने लगी, जिस के दुष्परिणाम हम लोग और आप लोग को ता भुगतने ही पड़े लेकिन अब से तत्काल की बात यह है कि इस देश और उस की गाँठ बरोड़ जनता को भी भुगतने पड़े। मेरी राय यह है कि इस प्रस्ताव के बारे में गृह मंत्री

तो अपनी बात कहेंगे ही, लेकिन हम में से जिन लोगों के पास ठोस तथ्य हैं, वे सभी प्रधान मंत्री जी और गृह मंत्री जी के सामने आवेदन-पत्रा के द्वारा उन ठोस तथ्यों को रखें। प्रधान मंत्री जी और गृह मंत्री जी को उस पर विचार करने का मौका मिले और प्राथमिक जाच होने के बाद सरकार कमीशन की नियुक्ति के बारे में फैसला करे।

इस विषय से सम्बन्धित कुछ बातें मैं आप के सामने रखना चाहता हूँ। सकट-काल से पहले इस सदन के तत्कालीन अध्यक्ष, श्री गुरुदयाल सिंह डिल्ला के काम को मैं ने दो साल तक देखा और मेरे मन पर यह असर हुआ कि जब बमों में जनहित में मासति और श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी द्वारा सत्ता के दुष्पयोग के विषय में कोई प्रश्न उठाता था तो उन के द्वारा उस में भ्रष्टा लगाया जाता था। और इसलिए मैं ने अविश्वास का प्रस्ताव यहाँ दिया था। मैं न वह डिवेट भगवायी है, अभी तक क्या नहीं भाई, मरी समझ में नहीं आ रहा है। यह प्रस्ताव अगर मैं इस वक्त पढ़ कर सुनाऊँगा तो आप को पता चनेगा कि केवल सकट काल के दौरान ये बातें नहीं हुई हैं। 1969 के बाद धीरे धीरे अधिनायकवाद की ओर देश चला जा रहा था। मैं आज यह बात कह रहा हूँ ऐसी बात नहीं है। यह मेरी पुष्टि है। यह एमर्जेंसी के पहले की लिपी हुई है और दीन दयाल शोध संस्थान में जो परिसवाद हुआ था, जिस की अध्यक्षता स्वर्गीय मुख्तारवा जी ने की थी जिसमें और बहुत सारे बड़े बड़े अधिवक्ता और न्याय के जानकार, न्यायविद सब आए थे, उन के सामने मैंने यह कहा था। मैं इसलिए उद्धृत करता हूँ कि इस प्रस्ताव का आधार यह है। इस में सब से ज्यादा प्राप्ति मैं ने इस बात पर उठाई थी कि पहली बार प्रधान मंत्री ने प्रधान मंत्री के सचिवालय नाम की गस्था का इस देश से इस्तेमाल किया है कि संसदीय साधन के जा आधार होत हैं वे गारे खम हो गए।

[श्री मधु सिमये]

काई भी निगम विभागीय मंत्री अपने दायरे के अन्दर अपनी मर्यादा के अन्दर रह कर भी नहीं ले सकता था। सारी फाइलें प्रधान मंत्री के सेक्रेटरिएट को जाती थीं। सारे जामूसी विभाग जो पहले नई मन्त्रालय के साथ जुड़े हुए थे वे सारे विभाग प्रधान मंत्री के मानहून आ गए—इंटेलिजेंस ब्यूरो, सी वी आई जो पहिले गृह मंत्री के साथ जुड़ हुए थे वे इन्दिरा जी के साथ आ गए। रेवन्यू इंटेलिजेंस और डायरेक्टोरेट आफ इन्फोर्मेट आग तो जानते है अविश्वास का प्रस्ताव मैं न इसी पर रखा था, मैं ने इसी सदन में इसी प्रश्न को लेकर श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी व खिलाफ अविश्वास का प्रस्ताव रखा था कि एन्फोर्समेंट डायरेक्टोरेट और रेवन्यू इंटेलिजेंस जैसे विभाग जब मोरार जी भाई वित्त मंत्री थे, कृष्णमचारी वित्त मंत्री थे तो उन के साथ थे, वे भी प्रधान मंत्री के तहत आ गए। इसी तरह काउंटर इंटेलिजेंस जिन को कहा जाता है या रा, काफी बदनाम नाम हो गया है, इसका भी इस्तेमाल बँस किया गया? आप को ताज्जुब होगा कि विगत कुछ ही गणों में इन दमन के हथियारा का इतन बड़ पैमाने पर विस्तार किया गया है, मैं सारे आकड़े गृह मन्त्रालय की माग पर जब चर्चा होगी तब देने वाला हूँ। इतना बड़ा विस्तार किया गया, इतने नए लोगों को उस के साथ जोड़ा गया कि जो अधिकारी, जो आफिस चापलूस और खुशामदखोर थे उन्हीं लोगों को इन में भर्ती किया गया विरोध पक्ष के नेताओं को ब्लैकमेल करने के लिए भी झूठी रपट तैयार करने का काम प्रधान मंत्री के सचिवालय में और इन जामूसी विभागों में होता था। यह हम की पृष्ठभूमि है।

मार्गति लिमिटेड का सवाल कई बार हम साग। ने उठाया है। मैं आज नई जानकारी देना चाहता हूँ। सदन के वादविवाद की जो पुस्तकें हैं उन में सारी बातें हैं, उन को मैं दोहराना नहीं चाहता हूँ। यहाँ 1973-74

और 75 में जब मैं आया तो मैं ने कई बार यह सवाल उठाया कि मार्गति कार प्रोजेक्ट के लिए यह कहा गया था कि कोई विदेशी मुद्रा नहीं दी जायगी और यह 100 प्रतिशत स्वदेशी कार होगी। यह भी कहा गया कि यह जनता कार होगी। जनता शब्द का प्रयोग तो हास्यास्पद ही है। जिस देश के करोड़ा लोगों को मामूली साइकिल भी नमोव नहीं है उस देश के अन्दर जनता का की बान करना तो बहुत ही हास्यास्पद बात है। लेकिन फिर भी यह बात चली थी। जैसे जर्मनी में वोक्स वैनगन है ऐसे ही हमारे यहाँ यह मार्गति कार है। इस के लिए आयातित मशीनरी दी गई है यह मुझे खबर मिली है। क्या इन्होंने तरीका अपनाया कि हम लोग पूर्वी जर्मनी, जेकोसनीवाकिया, पोलैंड आदि पूर्वी यूरोपीय देशों से बकनाप मशीनरी के नाम पर, स्टाक एंड सेल्स के नाम पर काफी पाच छ सौ करोड़ रुपये की, मशीनरी मगाते थे। और इन्होंने क्या किया? चुपके से मार्गति लिमिटेड के लिए जो मशीनरी चाहिए उसके स्पेसिफिकेशन दे दिये गए और उम तरह की मशीनरी भगवाई गई। इसने बा रे में मैंने जब प्रश्न किया तो कई दफा तो स्वीकार साहब ने इस प्रश्न को दवाने का प्रयास किया। मार्गति के बा रे में मैं ने जा प्रश्न पूछे है उनको उत्तर अभी आने बाकी है। आप ऐसा मन समझिए कि मैं इसको छोड़ने वाला हूँ। मैं ने एक बार अगर कोई सवाल उठाया तो उनका पूरा पीछा करूँगा। लेकिन मुद्रा यह है कि जिन लोगों ने इस प्रश्न का जवाब देने के लिए जानकारी इकट्ठा करने का प्रयास किया उनके बारे में प्रधान मंत्री ने उद्योग मंत्री को बुलाया और कहा कि यह क्या कर रहे हैं? आप मार्गति के बा रे में जानकारी इकट्ठी कर रहे हैं? इस पर उद्योग मंत्री ने कहा पार्लमन्ट में सवाल स्वीकार किया गया है मुझे जवाब देना है तो कुछ जानकारी चाहिए ही।

एक माननीय सदस्य कौन से उद्योग मंत्री ?

श्री मधु लिमये इंडस्ट्रियल डेवलपमेंट मिनिस्टर कौन थे, आप भी जानते हैं इसलिए नाम में मत जाइये ।

एक माननीय सदस्य दिनेश सिंह ?

श्री मधु लिमये दिनेश सिंह नहीं, श्री टी० ए० पाई जो इस समय मौजूद नहीं हैं । उनकी जानकारी में जिन अपसरों ने जानकारी हासिल करने का प्रयास किया उनके खिलाफ प्रधान मंत्री ने सी०डी०आई० को छापे का आदेश दे दिया । मैं एच प्रिविलेज का सवाल भी उठाने वाला हूँ क्योंकि पार्लमेंट की जानकारी देने के लिए जो जाच मंत्रिया द्वारा की जाती है उसने लिए अगर सी० डी० आई० की रेड्स हागी तो क्या पार्लमेंट चलेगी ? क्या इस तरह से पार्लमेंट की गरिमा रहेगी ? उन अपसरों में से एक ने त्याग-पत्र दे दिया और एच न खुदकशी की है ।

इस सदन में मैंने कई बार जगोटा ब्रदर्स का बाण्ड उठाया तो स्पीकर साहब ने कहा कि मुझे बड़ी तकलीफ हो रही है, क्या आप प्रधान मंत्री पर बार बार हमला करेंगे । मैंने कभी कोई व्यक्तिगत हमला नहीं किया । अगर किसी ने किया तो उसको मैंने रोका है कि औरत के बारे में अमर बात नहीं कहनी चाहिए । लेकिन प्रधान मंत्री के नाते उनके जो सार्वजनिक कार्य हैं उनके बारे में अगर नियमावली अघीन रह कर मैं सवाल पूछता हूँ तो स्पीकर साहब मुझ को कहते हैं कि प्रधान मंत्री पर बारबार हमला करेंगे तो मैं आपको सरक्षण नहीं दे सकता हूँ । अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप भी दो साल इस सदन के अध्यक्ष रह चुके हैं क्या किसी स्पीकर को यह बात शोभा देती है ? उसी दिन मैं समझ गया था कि लीजतल मर रहा है और स्पीकर के खिलाफ मैं अविश्वास प्रस्ताव लाया । आप पढ़ें उसमें मेरे क्या आरोप हैं । सदन में सार्वजनिक हित में अष्टाचार के विरोध में

वहस को होने नहीं देते हैं और स्पीकर साहब सरकारी पार्टी से मिल कर काम करते हैं—यह मेरे आरोप थे ।

आप एक और नया मामला लीजिए । मारुति को इजाजत मिली, मैन (एम०ए०एन०) नाम की जर्मन कम्पनी है उसके साथ कोलंब-रेशन एग्रीमेंट किया और रिजर्व बैंक के विरोध के बावजूद 30 लाख की विदेशी मुद्रा उसको दी गई । इसी तरह से इन्टर्नैशनल हार्बेस्ट के पाइपर एग्रिक्चर का मामला है । औद्योगिक मंत्रालय का सर्कुलर था विभिन्न उद्योगों को कि उन्हें अपनी पैदावार बढ़ाने का, विस्तार करने का अधिकार दिया जायेगा । इसी नियम के तहत, उस सर्कुलर के तहत मारुति को भी दिया गया, लेकिन यह नहीं पूछा गया कि मारुति की कोई पैदावार भी है या नहीं । जिस कम्पनी की पैदावार बहुत अधिक है, जो पैदावार बढ़ाने का काम कर रही है, उस यूनिट को आप देते हैं तो वह राष्ट्रीय हित में है—ऐसा आप कह सकते हैं । लेकिन जिस कम्पनी की कोई पैदावार नहीं है, उस को केवल उसकी इस्टाल्ड कंपैसिटी का मूल्य लेकर, 50 हजार गाडियो का जो मूल्य होगा, उसमें कुछ अनुपात में या उस आधार पर इन को रोड-रोलर्स और वन-बाडी विटिंग की इजाजत दी गई । उसके लिए विभिन्न राज्यों के पी०डब्ल्यू०डी० और ट्रांसपोर्ट विभागों पर दबाव डाला गया । आप बतनाइये—इसकी जाच होनी चाहिये या नहीं ?

भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री, जब हम लोग जेलों में बन्द थे तो हम पढ़ते थे, विरोध पक्ष के सदस्यों पर आरोप लगाती थी कि ये विदेशों से मिले हुए हैं, विदेशी धन पाने हैं । मैं कहता हूँ—माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से—सब की जाच की जाय और जो तथ्य है वह देश के सामने, सदन के सामने आये । इसमें मुझे कोई घबरहाट नहीं है, जो दोषी है, उन को सजा हो, लेकिन इस तरह का गौन-भात

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बैंग एलीमेशन करना, खास कर मेरे मित्र जार्ज परनैन्डिङ के बारे में कहा गया— मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या भारत की प्रधान मंत्री का लड़का एक विदेशी कम्पनी का डीलर नहीं था ? वह कमीशन एजेंट बना, क्या यह भारत की इच्छत और प्रतिष्ठा को ऊँचा उठाता है ? मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ— प्रधान मंत्री का लड़का जब विदेशी कम्पनी का एजेंट बन कर उद्योगपतियों से कहे कि मेरे विमान खरीदो, राज्य सरकारों पर दबाव डाले कि मेरे विमान खरीदो, तो क्या इससे भारत का चेहरा बिगड़ता नहीं है ? जिस प्रधान मंत्री का चुनाव को देश के उच्च न्यायालय ने अवैध घोषित किया, वह लोक सभा में भाषण नहीं दे सकती थीं, वोट नहीं दे सकती थीं, सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने भी विला-शतं स्थगन आदेश नहीं दिये, ऐसे प्रधान मंत्री के कुर्सी पर रहने से हिन्दुस्तान का चेहरा बनता है या बिगड़ता है—ये सारी बातें हैं जिनकी मैं जाच चाहता हूँ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह जगोटा ब्रदर्स का जो मामला है—एक भाई अभी जेल में सड़ रहा है, अगर इसकी सही जाच होगी तो बहुत सारे रहस्य खुल जायेंगे कि प्रधान मंत्री का बेटा क्या-क्या कर सकता है। कितने लोगों को जेल में सड़ाया, उसमें चलते कितने लोग मरे हैं—ये सारे तथ्य सामने आजायेंगे।

एक बात मैं और कहना चाहता हूँ— हम लोगों ने चौथी लोक सभा में उस समय के उद्योग मंत्री भरद्वाज श्री पञ्चहीन-धली-महमद के सामने एक निजी सदस्य का बिल रखा था जिस में कहा गया था कि कम्पनीज डोनेशन पर पाबन्दी लगाई जाय, इस लिए कि उद्योग-पतियों का राजनीति पर प्रभाव न पड़े। यह मेरा उद्देश्य था, लेकिन व्यवहार में क्या हुआ ? व्यवहार में उद्योगपतियों का असर बढ़ता गया भ्रष्टाचार भी बढ़ता गया और इसी चुनाव में मेरी जानकारी है कि अनेक भ्रष्टालु रूप ने—गृह मंत्री जी भाग इसकी जाच कीजिए, कम्पनी ला

मिनिस्टर को भी इसमें दखल देना चाहिए—52 लाख रुपये के इश्तिहार सोविनास के लिये दिए और कई सोविनास तो ऐसे हैं जो प्रकाशित ही नहीं हुए। क्या सोविनास के लिये विज्ञापन देना और 52 लाख रुपये के विज्ञापन देना कम्पनी कानून की अवहेलना नहीं है ?

इण्डियन टैबैको कम्पनी ने एक करोड़ रुपये से अधिक मूल्य के विज्ञापन दिए हैं। यह विदेशी कम्पनी है, सिगरेट के धन्य में छाई हुई है, इस कम्पनी के प्रधान मंत्री और प्रधान मंत्री के सचिवालय में काम करने वाले लोग के साथ बड़े मधुर संबंध थे। इस देश में एक अजीब बात चल रही है। सोशलिस्ट विचारधारा के लिये ये लोग कम्युनिज्म का आधार लेते हैं, लेकिन इनका आचरण देखेंगे तो इतना भ्रष्ट आचरण है कि विदेशी पूँजी और स्वदेशी पूँजी के साथ मेल रखते हैं। इस रहस्य को खोलने का काम जनता पार्टी की हुकूमत को करना चाहिए। इस देश में अब नकली वामपथ को चलाने नहीं देंगे। करोड़पतियों का समर्थन करने के लिए समाजवाद की या वामपथ की बात करना गरीबों के साथ धोखाधड़ी है।

भारत जनता पार्टी इस के लिए कटिबद्ध है कि किसानों का, गरीबों, हरिजनों और आदिवासियों का और अल्पसंख्यकों का हित करने के लिए इन कार्यक्रमों को लागू किया जाएगा लेकिन अब आपका नकली वामपथ नहीं चलाने देंगे। आपने देश को बहुत बड़ा नुकसान किया है। ये वामपथी लोग ऐसे प्रासादों में रहते हैं कि अगर आप को सिर में करा द तो आप पाएँगे कि इन का एक एक दिन का खर्चा एक एक हजार रुपये से कम नहीं है। इनके घरों में प्राइवेट वास लगे हुए हैं और पाच पाच एयर कन्डीशनर्स लगे हुए हैं। ये अपने आप को प्रगतिशील कहते हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, इन सारी बातों के बारे में मैं सदन को आश्वासन देता हूँ कि मैं एक मैमोरेण्डम तैयार करने में लगा हूँ और मैं अपने सभी साधियों से कहूँगा कि वे भी ठोस तथ्यों

बे आधार पर अपने आवेदन पत्र सरकार के पास भेजें। श्री कवर लाल गुप्त जी के बारे में निश्चित रूप से यह कह सकता हूँ कि उनका उद्देश्य इस बहस को उठाने का यह था कि मुल्क का क्या इस और दिलाया जाए। भूलो और विसरो, चव्हाण साहब कहते हैं कि भूलो और विसरो यह बात नहीं होगी। अब नये गुल खिलाए जाते हैं और पापा पर से पर्दा हटेंगा और चेहरे बेनकाब हो जायेंगे अत्याचार और तानाशाही के।

इतना कह कर मैं समाप्त करता हूँ।

MR SPEAKER Mr Stephen

SOME HON MEMBERS rose—

MR SPEAKER I do not mind giving chance to all of you but we want to take up the second resolution also. You know after all they are feeling that they are the aggrieved party. If you accuse them they have to defend themselves. If I do not give them a chance to whom else shall I give? All of you are accusing including the CPI(M), they have to defend themselves. Mr Stephen

SHRI C M STEPHEN (Idukki) I rise to oppose the Resolution. I oppose not the inquiry part of it but the proposal made that there may be an inquiry about anything. We have no opposition to that. But I oppose this resolution because in my opinion the resolution is not framed in such a manner as to be in conformity with the dignity of this House.

Before I elaborate on that I would like to make one thing very clear. Mr Madhu Limaye has been repeatedly saying that there was a plea from this side for Forget and forgive. We have no such plea at all. Nobody from this side has ever pleaded for forgetting and forgiving. There need be no forgiving. As to whether it should be forgotten that is a matter subjective to the capacity of the person concerned. Forgiving there need not be. Forgiving whom? If

anybody has committed a crime against the people. If anybody has committed a crime against the country then it will not be within the right of anybody to forgive anybody at all. We have no plea for forgiving at all. That we make very clear.

Now my anxiety is that a document passed by this House must be such as to be of the level that the Lok Sabha of India is. For an inquiry a resolution of this House is not necessary. Anybody who has been following the thinking of the Janata Party and anybody who knows the composition of the Janata Party and certain elements which constitute it—I do not mean everybody but some elements which constitute it—needs no astrologer to tell him that there will certainly be a witch hunting. But let not the House be a party to that. That is what I am pleading. There is a Commission of Enquiry Act in this country. There is the CBI. The easiest and the cleanest method for the Government is to act through the CBI, the Central Vigilance Section and to resort to the Commission of Enquiry Act. Let enquiry on specific charges be instituted to bring to book the persons who have besmirched anybody if at all such persons are there. For that rubber stamping by this House is not necessary. Let this House not be called upon to give its approval for that sort of purpose. What does this Resolution say?

This House calls upon the Government to immediately appoint a High powered Committee
(Interruptions)

There are certain factors which I am opposing. I am opposing the assertion—Joint deliberate conspiracy. Well the conspiracy has got to be joint. There cannot be a unilateral conspiracy. A conspiracy has necessarily to be joint. How else can there be a conspiracy? Conspiracy has got to be deliberate. There cannot be an involuntary conspiracy. Therefore these two terms—adjectives—are absolutely unnecessary. If it is a conspiracy it has

[Shri C. M. Stephen]

necessarily to be joint. It has necessarily to be deliberate. If these two elements are not there, it is not a conspiracy at all.

Who is a party to this conspiracy? It is the most dangerous part of it. The Government of India is involved in a conspiracy. Let us remember: Governments will come, Cabinets will come and they will go. Cabinet is there with the support of the Parliament of India. You cannot think of the Government of India without the Parliament of India and the Government of India carries on with the Parliament of India. To say that the Government of India is involved in a conspiracy against the country and against the people is too far fetched a statement to be made. I would humbly warn the House that we cannot approve of such a sort of thing.

The Government of India Maruti Ltd and its allied concerns have entered into conspiracy. For what? No body says and for what purpose it is not stated. The conspiracy against the country, the conspiracy against the people has its own connotation. Every act of corruption is not an act against the country. Every defrauding is not an act against the country.

Shri Gupta has narrated to the House—selling and buying of shares, defrauding of some money collecting of some advances but not returning. Would that amount to conspiracy by the Government of India against the country and the people of this country?

I am not against an enquiry but I am against the way and the far fetched phraseology.

"Deliberate conspiracy by the erstwhile Government of India Maruti Ltd and its allied concerns and Shri Bansi Lal"—it means Shri Bansi Lal is not there as a part of the Government of India. If that is so Shri Bansi Lal will not be mentioned separately.

Shri Bansi Lal is a part of the Government of India. Bansi Lal cannot be treated separately. If Shri Bansi Lal is treated as separate, there is a question of propriety which I am raising.

Shri Bansi Lal is to-day a Member of the Rajya Sabha. It is a convention that we observe between the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha that if there is any allegation against a Member of a House, the allegation is raised in that House and not in the other House. If Shri Bansi Lal is treated as part of the Government of India, then the question is different. If Shri Bansi Lal is treated as part of the Haryana State, then also my submission is—by the convention that we have been following—that the Parliament of India does not step into that area. The Government of India can step in. The Parliament of India does not step in.

There has been a ruling in this House that where the matter concerns directly a State, then it cannot be made a subject matter of a Resolution here. Now I am only analysing this. The implication is, you are treating Shri Bansi Lal as a simple individual, an individual who is a Member of the Rajya Sabha, and you want an enquiry against him. It is not in his official capacity but in some other capacity. His official capacity is quite clear. If you had merely said Government of India, one can understand. My analysis will clearly show that there is absolutely certain clumsiness of thought about it. You say about 'numerous illegalities committed by Shri Bansi Lal'. Sir, before we pass a Resolution that there should be an enquiry, this House must be satisfied that there is a conspiracy. The House must be satisfied that there are certain irregularities. If this House is to be satisfied that there are certain irregularities, the House must know what those irregularities are. The House must be in possession of facts to establish that these acts are acts of irregularities. Without having that data, is it proper for this House to make an

assertion that there is a conspiracy? Is it proper for this House to make an assertion that there are irregularities? Can we pass a resolution on hypothetical propositions or on hypothesis? My humble submission is that this is not in conformity with the parliamentary conventions which we have to observe. I can understand if there is a single line resolution saying that a commission of enquiry may be instituted with respect to this thing or that thing I can understand such a thing. But all these ramifications here have brought in difficulties to my parliamentary mind and that is why I am raising my objection to it.

And finally Sir what is the sort of inquiry asked for? You want a commission consisting of Members of Parliament officers judges publicmen—a whole lot of them. Why should Members of Parliament be drawn into this? There is an Act. You can have an inquiry only under such an Act. Merely because you pass a resolution. You cannot have an inquiry which is having a legal sanction. You can have it only under the Commission of Inquiry Act. Therefore I object to the composition of the commission. My objection is with respect to the assertion that there is a conspiracy. My objection is with respect to the assertion that the Government of India is involved in a conspiracy against the country. I have very sound objection on all these grounds. I would plead with my friends on the other side that this is too far-fetched an assertion to make that the Government of India erstwhile or present or the forthcoming is or going to be in a conspiracy against the country. And what is the conspiracy? That a company has been handling things in such a manner as to make some money. To call it a conspiracy against the country is a misstatement of fact.

Sir even conceding that certain things have happened to characterize it as a conspiracy against the country and against the people of the country is a statement which would have no

validity at all which will completely denude the implication of the phraseology of conspiracy against the country.

You say numerous irregularities committed by Shri Bansi Lal. He is a Member of Rajya Sabha. The resolution should come there not here. Our Parliamentary convention is that no allegation against a member of a particular House is permitted to be raised in the other House. That we should not contravene. That is why I am pleading this. We have had enough discussion. It is open to the Government of India to order an inquiry if they want it. As far as we are concerned—and as time will prove—our hands are clean and that will be proved to be clean. I have no doubt.

I oppose the Resolution on the grounds which I have stipulated not because I oppose an inquiry but because this House should not be a party to passing a resolution so clumsily drawn up. These are the respectful submissions which I wanted to make.

MR SPEAKER I have not called the other parties. Two of them who have already spoken are from the Janata Party and two from this side. The CPM and other groups are also there. My only worry is whether this second resolution can be taken up or not. We can talk it over. There is absolutely no difficulty. I am only worried that the second resolution will get lost.

Therefore may I request the hon. Home Minister to reply? Would you not give him ten minutes (*Interruptions*)

If two from this side and two from that side want to speak I have no objection. I shall go on allowing it and then adjourn the House. I am here saying this for the convenience of the House. Let me ask the Home Minister to speak and let Shri Kanwarlal Gupta reply. Thereafter we shall take up the second Resolution. So may I ask the Home Minister to speak?

SEVERAL HON MEMBERS Yes,
Sir

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HAL-
DER (Durgapur) Mr Speaker Sir

MR SPEAKER If I were to call
you, then I may have to call every-
body who wants to speak I do not
know whether I have done justice I
have to do justice to all sides

SOME HON MEMBERS rose—

MR SPEAKER No please I am
on my legs I cannot allow you I
have no objection absolutely if I have
to call one from here and one from the
other side If I allow from this side
I should call those who are accused
You are accusing them they are also
accusing you I think that I have
done justice and I have not done any
injustice to anyone May I call the
Home Minister?

SEVERAL HON MEMBERS Oh,
yes

गृह मंत्री (श्रीधरी धरम सिंह) •
माननीय अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं एक बहुत छोटा
सा बयान अंग्रेजी में देने जा रहा हूँ। मैं यह
समझता हूँ कि उस बयान के सुनने के बाद
दोनों पक्षों के किसी माननीय सदस्य को कोई
शिकायत नहीं रहेगी।

I have heard patiently and with
due attention the debate on the Re-
solution tabled by the hon'ble Mem-
ber demanding a probe into various
matters relating to the Maruti Ltd.,
the Nagarwala Case and the com-
plaints against Shri Bansu Lal, former
Chief Minister of Haryana and for-
mer Defence Minister of India

The matters raised are of consider-
able public importance and do re-
quire a thorough probe The pre-
sent Government is committed to give
a clean administration to the people
and it stands for the observance of
the highest traditions of probity, mo-
rality and integrity in public life

Although the resolution refers only
to one basic issue of corruption and
conspiracy against the country, the
illustrations refer to three distinct
matters Therefore, the Govern-
ment propose to institute separate
enquiries The Government took
office recently and has not yet got
adequate time to determine the terms
of reference and the mode of the en-
quiries.

I can however assure the House
that these matters are engaging the
urgent attention of the Government
and effective action will be taken soon
having due regard to the views as
expressed in the House

I hope, in view of what I have
said, the hon'ble Member will be
pleased to withdraw his Resolution.

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त अध्यक्ष महोदय,
हमारे कांग्रेसी मित्रों को इस पर ऐतराज हो
सकता है कि इस प्रस्ताव की डॉक्ट्रिंग ठीक
नहीं है। उन्हें इस बात पर भी ऐतराज हो
सकता है कि यह एनक्वायरी पार्लियामेंट के
मेम्बरों और जजों के द्वारा न होकर एक कमी-
शन आफ इनक्वायरी के द्वारा की जाये। इस
बारे में मतभेद हो सकता है, लेकिन जो तथ्य
मैंने सदन के सामने रखे हैं, उनमें से एक को
भी झुठलाया नहीं गया है। गृह मंत्री ने यह
विश्वास दिलाया है कि इन तीन कसों की
अलग अलग एनक्वायरी की जायेगी और मोड
ऑफ एनक्वायरी सरकार तय करेगी। मुझे
इसमें कोई दिक्कत की बात नजर नहीं आती
है। गृह मंत्री ने जो कुछ कहा है, मैं उसको पूरी
तरह स्वीकार करता हूँ।

श्री साठे ने कहा है कि यहां पर और
लोग भी हैं—बादल साहब हैं, दूसरे हैं। कांग्रेस
का शासन इस इलैक्शन से पहले तीस साल तक
रहा। उसने बादल साहब के खिलाफ एक कमीशन
बिठा कर एनक्वायरी भी करा ली। कई दूसरे
लोगों के बारे में भी उसने ऐसा ही किया।
लेकिन बादल साहब के खिलाफ तो केवल एक

लेजिस्लेचर के कहने पर एनक्वायरी कराई गई, और 125 एम० पी० के कहने और पार्लियामेंट तथा विधान सभा में मांग होने पर भी बसौलाल के खिलाफ एनक्वायरी नहीं कराई गई। सी० पी० आई० के एक मेम्बर के कहने पर बादल साहब के बारे में एक कमीशन बिठाया गया, मगर जनता ने यह साबित कर दिया कि वह कमीशन एक पोलिटिकल वेन्डेटा के तौर पर बिठाया गया था, वरना जनता उनको कामयाब न करती। यह लाखों वोटों से जीते हैं।

अगर हमारी तरफ का भी कोई व्यक्ति गनती करता है, तो उसको सजा मिलनी चाहिए। माननीय सदस्य रेजोल्यूशन लायें और सरकार के सामने तथ्य रखें। सरकार उनको देखे और उनके आधार पर कार्यवाही करे, मुझे इस पर खुशी होगी।

मैं आपके सामने वाशिंगटन पोस्ट को वोट करना चाहता हूँ

"Washington Post of November 10, 1976, with dateline New Delhi quotes a man with good contacts in Government of India 'The public believes a vast swindle is going on. The bureaucrats say they can do nothing Sanjay calls up Ministers and Secretaries and says 'give the contract to so and so' He has Ministerial sanction and the Prime Minister supports him Whether it is Defence Ministry contracts or civil service appointments the hand of Sanjay is visible"

यह बिल्कुल स्पष्ट है कि इन मामलों से देश के माथे पर बदनामी का जो घन्टा लगा है, वह धुलना चाहिए। कांग्रेस पार्टी का हित भी इसी में है कि हमारे सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र में से गन्दे एलिमेंट्स का सफाया होना चाहिए।

यह प्रस्ताव रखा हुआ मुझे कोई खुशी नहीं हो रही है। मैंने एक सार्वजनिक कामकर्ता के रूप में अपना कर्तव्य समझ कर यह प्रस्ताव रखा है ताकि हमारी पब्लिक लैफ और एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन क्लीन रहे और हमारे देश में डेमोक्रेसी की जड़ें और भी गहरी हों।

यह एक सर्वमान्य सिद्धान्त है कि बड़े से बड़ा आदमी भी कानून से ऊपर नहीं होना चाहिए। श्री साठे यह स्वीकार करेंगे कि किसी भी प्रजातान्त्रिक देश में प्रधान मंत्री और साधारण व्यक्ति के लिए अलग अलग कानून नहीं होते हैं। मुझे दुख के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि कांग्रेस पार्टी ने इसी सदन में एक तराजू जनता के लिए रखा और दूसरी तराजू प्रधान मंत्री के लिए रखा। जनता पार्टी एक ही तराजू रखना चाहती है, जिसमें प्रधान मंत्री और जनता साथ साथ तोले जायें—सब के लिए एक ही मेजरिंग राड हो। अगर हमारा प्रधान मंत्री गलती करेगा, तो उसको एक मुलजिम की हैसियत से कटहरे में खड़ा होना पड़ेगा।

कांग्रेस पार्टी ने यह कानून पास कर दिया कि प्रधान मंत्री पर कोई मुकदमा नहीं चल सकता है। वह यह भूल गई कि उसकी सरकार बदल सकती है और वह कानून भी बदला जा सकता है। जनता सरकार इस कानून का बदलेगी, और अगर प्रधान मंत्री का जवाब लेने के बाद उनको दोषी पाया गया, तो उन पर मुकदमा चलाया जाएगा और उन को सजा भी दी जायेगी। उनको सजा भी दी जानी चाहिए। इसमें कोई दो रायें नहीं हो सकती। मैं इन शब्दों के साथ धन्यवाद करता हूँ कांग्रेस पार्टी के मेम्बरों का कि उन्होंने टैक्निकल चीजों पर ऐतराज उठाया, इसके सबस्टैंस पर ऐतराज नहीं उठाया। जैसा गृह मंत्री जी ने कहा है, उनके बयान के बाद मैं सदन की आज्ञा चाहता हूँ कि मुझे यह प्रस्ताव वापस लेने की अनुमति दी जाय।

SHRI MOHD SHAFI QURESHI (Anantnag) The hon Minister has made a statement that he would have three separate enquiries for three items mentioned in the Resolution. There are actually four matters which have been mentioned in the Resolution namely

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA I have accepted Mr Madhu Limaye's amendment

MR SPEAKER I think Government will take a final decision on that matter and you can leave it to them to decide finally. Now I shall have to put amendments first

SHRI HUKMDEO NARAIN YADAV I withdraw my amendment

MR SPEAKER Has the hon Member leave of the House to withdraw his amendment?

Amendment No 1 was, by leave withdrawn

MR SPEAKER Shri Limaye is not here. So it has to be put to the vote of the House. I shall now put the amendment of Shri Madhu Limaye to the vote of the House

Amendment No 2 was put and negatived

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA Sir I have already said that I want to withdraw my resolution

MR SPEAKER Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw his Resolution?

The Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

17 48 hrs.

RESOLUTION RE PROBE INTO ATROCITIES COMMITTED DURING INTERNAL EMERGENCY

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) I beg to move

This House calls upon the Government to forthwith constitute a high powered Parliamentary body to probe into the alleged misdeeds, malpractices and atrocities committed by Central Government and State Governments between 25th June, 1975 and 20th March 1977 when the internal emergency was in force.

This period under Shrimati Indira Gandhi during the internal emergency is the blackest and darkest chapter in Indian history which has no parallel. Everything was done in order to benefit one person. Volumes could be written on it and mere few hours debate is inadequate. The catalogue is very long and I would recite it now and shall deal with it at length later. Firstly the genesis of emergency was illegal. Certain immediate follow up action was taken to silence people who opposed it. There was gagging of the Press and even the telephones, teleprinters and electric lines of the newspapers were cut. Fourthly, freedom to publish, that is freedom of expression, was drastically cut and taken away. News agencies were wound up and even the late Fakhruddin Sahib's speech was censored. SAMACHAR was converted into a political PIB and political censor and intelligence officers took journalism as cover jobs. There was indiscriminate use of MISA, DIR and sections of IPC, such as 107 and 109. False specific prosecutions were launched against all political opponents and many others who did not curry favour with the people in power. Unheard of torture, atrocities and repression in jails, in Police lock-ups and outside irrespective of age or background were committed. In the name of beautification 50,000 houses in Turkman Gate and Ajmal Khan Road were acquired.

and at least 25,000 houses where people had been living for generation were bulldozed. People were beaten to death. In the name of family planning, force was used all over North India. Inconvenient officials were transferred, humiliated and demoted. Judiciary had been reduced to mockery from inside and outside. Price rise remained unabated and there has been a rise of 15.5 per cent between March 1976 and January 1977 at the level of wholesale price index. Between 1971 and 1976, the price rise had been 300 per cent. Monopolists grew by leaps and bounds. The Emergency was wholeheartedly supported by tycoons headed by Mr. K. K. Birla. There were retrenchment, lay-offs and lock-outs. About 15 lakh workers were retrenched, dismissed and thrown out of jobs and the workers have been starving on the pavement of the streets. About 4,000 medium and small factories were closed. About 80,000 jute workers were laid-off. Sanjay, the heir apparent, had made hay while the sun shone. In fact, he

assumed all powers and he became the super Prime Minister. He made a mountain of ill-gotten wealth both in Indian and foreign currencies. He endangered the national security. In fact, he succeeded in making the Indian Air Force strike a deal with a Swedish firm for the purchase of unsuitable WIGAN aircrafts involving about 400 crores of rupees. The ONGC had purchased a crane worth about Rs 9.0 crores from DEMAG of West Germany and through this deal, Mr. Sanjay got a cut at the rate of 21 per cent for himself. Sir, I have got a catalogue of these misdeeds to reveal today. I shall resume at the next session and give you the facts and figures.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, we adjourn to meet again on Monday at 11 a.m.

17.53 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Monday, April 4, 1977/Chaitra 14, 1899 (Saka).

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LOK SABHA

Monday April 4 1977/Chaitra 14 1899
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

WELCOME TO THE PRESIDENT
AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TUNISIA

MR SPEAKER Hon Members,
at the outset, I have to make an an-
nouncement

On my own behalf and on behalf
of the Hon Member of the House
I have great pleasure in welcoming
His Excellency Dr S Mokaddem
President and Mr Zouhir Fethi
Vice-President of the National As-
sembly of Tunisia who are on a
visit to India as our honoured guests

They arrived early this morning
and will be in India till the 7th April
They are now seated in the Special
Box We wish them a happy and
fruitful stay in our country Through
them we convey our greetings and
best wishes to the Parliament Gov-
ernment and the People of Tunisia

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Vinodbhai B Sheth (Jamnagar)

Shri Dharmasinhbhai Patel (Por-
bandar)

Shri Motibhai R Chaudhary
(Banaskantha)

Shri V P Nalk (Washim)

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ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTION

Short Notice Question

Performance of Tea Corporation of
India upto middle of March, 1977

SNQ 2 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERA-
TION be pleased to state

(a) whether the performance of
Tea Corporation of India is deterio-
rating very fast and whether a loss
is expected this year

(b) how many important posts
have been created recently and how
many of them have tea backgrounds

(c) how many management trai-
nees have been recruited and how
those recruitments have been done
and

(d) how many trips have been
made abroad by its officials and what
is the total cost of the same?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-
OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHA-
RIA) (a) No Sir During 1975-76
the company earned a net profit of
Rs 24.44 lakhs and for 1976-77 the
net profit estimated is Rs 30 lakhs
The total turnover is as follows

1974-75 Rs 136.00 lakhs

1975-76 Rs 341.00 lakhs

1976-77 Rs. 680.00 lakhs
(preliminary estimates)

1977-78 Rs 1150.00 lakhs (planned)

(b) During the last 12 months, the
following senior level posts were
created

[Shri Mohan Dharla]

1 post of FA & CAO (Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer) in the grade of Rs 2000-2500

1 post of Visiting Agent (Tea Gardens) in the grade of Rs 1500-2000

Both these posts have not yet been filled up

7 posts in the grade of Rs 1100-1600
All these posts have been filled up

Of these persons occupying 4 posts viz. Managers of the 3 Tea Estates and the post of Tea Adviser are persons having over 15 years tea experience

The 3 other posts created and filled up are administrative posts of Branch Managers. These are occupied by persons having administrative experience

(c) Management Trainee requirements were advertised in the leading newspapers. Five trainees were recruited on the recommendations of the Selection Committees which interviewed the candidates and one trainee who was Trainee Accountant in Public Tea Warehouse was absorbed in the Management Trainee Scheme

(d) During 1976-77 a total of 11 business visits abroad were made by the officials of TCI. The expenditure involved was Rs. 280 lakhs (approx.) and business was secured for about Rs 300 lakhs

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Shri Mohan Dharla, the Commerce Minister must make a note that as regards 33 per cent of the tea export done by India the marketing is entirely in the hands of a few multi-national corporations and for poor Indian consumers, the price has shot up by about 33 to 35 per cent which is going to hit them hard. The reason for the same is the massive collection of money by the erstwhile ruling party for election purposes. I know that the erstwhile Commerce Minister had taken Rs 3 crores in a seminar from

Duncan Bros. R.P. Gornka. I know the details. After great efforts, this Corporation came into existence. But the multi-national corporations never allowed it to function. And the previous Government had obliged these economic offenders to subvert this corporation. Please give me the details of previous service background and tea marketing experience of the Chairman and Managing Director, Marketing Development Officer and at least six management trainees that you have recruited recently.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: I entirely share the anxiety of the hon. Member. It is true that while the export of tea is to the tune of Rs. 270 crores, the exports by the Tea Corporation are hardly of the order of Rs. 3 crores and under the circumstances, massive efforts shall have to be made. However, the House will please appreciate and particularly the hon. Member because he was very much for bringing this Corporation into existence and that Corporation was created particularly for the export of package tea and under the circumstances in the matter of export of package tea which is of the order of Rs. 25 crores, this Corporation within the last three years has done three crores. Even then, I entirely agree that we shall have to make a massive effort in increasing our exports so far the objective is concerned and I can assure the Member that whatever re-structuring is needed, it shall be done so that this Corporation becomes quite efficient and adequate to fulfil the objective.

Regarding the tea prices, as the House may perhaps be aware, the production of tea in Sri Lanka has gone down by nearly 17 million kg during the last one year. Then the coffee production, particularly in countries like Brazil and Colombia, has suffered. Under the circumstances there is an increase in the demand for tea. I am not aware whether the prices in the country have gone up because of the huge

funds collected by the Congress Party. However I must say that during these two months the prices have gone up by about Rs 6 to 7 per kilogram and there are trends of increasing prices. Therefore I have convened a meeting today to have a dialogue with the planters and tea packagers. It shall be the endeavour of my Ministry to see that the prices do not increase. On the contrary all efforts will be made so that the prices for internal consumption will be brought down.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU While for 1975-76 the turnover was Rs 341 lakhs and the net profit was Rs 94.4 lakhs according to the statement placed on the Table of the House by the Minister for 1976-77 the turnover has doubled to Rs 680 lakhs but the net profit was only marginally increased to Rs 30 lakhs. I would like to know from the hon. Minister the wage and entertainment bills for 1975-76 and 1976-77 and also the sale price of packaged tea abroad as compared to the prices at the last auction in retail prices in those countries abroad.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA This is not a question which is that way concerned with the main one. So I will require some time to supply the information. But I can say one thing that this is a new Corporation which is trying to make a dent in the international market. There are four big multi-national companies or combines. Under the circumstances some expenditure will be very much necessary till the time we create our own mechanism for marketing in foreign countries and to that extent if some more expenditure is necessary that should be appreciated.

श्री हनुमन्त चट्टोपाय अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं आपने माध्यम से मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह बात सत्य है कि बहुत से चाय बागान बंद पुराने हैं

और उनमें ठीक उत्पादन नहीं होता है व घाट में चल रहा है? क्या उनका विकास के लिए कोई धनराशि अलग से रखी है?

दूसरे क्या विदेशों के भन्दार निगम द्वारा बहुत से ऐसे सम्पान बनाये गये हैं जिससे भारत की चाय अधिक लोकप्रिय हो? क्या यह बात सही है कि भारत से जो चाय जाती है उसमें घटिया किस्म की और अन्य देशों की चाय मिला कर उसको बचा जाता है जिससे भारत की चाय लोकप्रिय नहीं हो रही है? यदि यह बात है तो इसे समाप्त करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

श्री मोहन धारिया हमारे चाय बागानों से ज्यादा ईन्ड कैसे मिल सके और हमारे चाय प्लांटेशन में नीचे और जमीन कैसे आए। इसने लिए टी बोर्ड और कारपोरेशन की तरफ से कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं। प्रति एकड़ में प्रति साल टी का ईन्ड दो परसेंट बढ़ता है। मगर जितनी ज्यादा जमीन चाय की पैदावार के नीचे आनी चाहिए उतनी नहीं आती है क्योंकि छ साल तक चाय से कोई मुनाफा नहीं हो पाता है और लगभग 20 से 25 हजार रुपये प्रति हेक्टेयर पर उसमें इन्वेस्टमेंट करना पड़ता है। इसमें हम इन्सेटिव दे सकें इसने लिए हमारी कोशिश रहेगी।

दूसरे देशों में जो चाय जाती है उसमें न पोल्याशन होता है मिलावट होती है उन देशों में मगर पैटन ज्यादा से ज्यादा चाय जाए खुली चाय कम जाए तो यह सब काम खत्म हो सकता है और यही हमारी कोशिश रहेगी। टी कारपोरेशन का पैदा हुआ है वह इसी कारण से पैदा हुआ है।

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY The hon. Minister is an impartial and honest man. Is it a fact that recently during the Janata wave mon-

{Shri M. Ram Gopal Reddy}

from these different multi national corporations has flowed into the funds of the Janata Party to the extent of Rs 4 crores and if so is he going to make any enquiry into it?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA The whole country is aware that it is the Congress Party that was in power while the leaders of the Janata Party were behind bars. Nobody knew that there would be a Janata wave and that the Janata Party would be occupying these Benches. Particularly there were measures like MISA and even if some persons wished to go against the desires of the Congress Party or its leaders they had the fear that they might be put behind bars. In the circumstances any logical and reasonable person will admit that the money at all, could only have gone to the Congress coffers and not to the Janata Party. I am not saying that it has, but I am here to repudiate that any such money has come to the Janata Party. (interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER When you throw a stone you must be ready to receive one. You cannot have a one sided privilege.

SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI I want to know whether extensive purchases have been made through private middlemen and whether this is against the decision taken by the Commerce Subcommittee and if so the extent of the private purchases.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA As per my information it is true that some purchases were made and therefore I have convened a meeting this afternoon to see that these purchases go to the consumers at lower prices.

डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी भारतीय उपभोक्ता को जो चाय बाजार में मिन रही है उसकी किस्म बराबर गिरती जा रही है

और उसकी कीमत बराबर बढ़ती जा रही है क्या यह सही है ?

भाग ख के उत्तर में कहा गया है कि बहुत से पदों का सृजन किया गया है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन पदों का सृजन की क्या आवश्यकता थी जब कि जो ट्रेड यह हैंडल कर रही है उसकी मात्रा बहुत कम है तीन करोड़ है और निर्यात भी बहुत कम होता है ? ऐसी अवस्था में इतने अधिक पदों का प्रारंभ इतने अधिक वेतन वाले भी पदों के सृजन की क्या आवश्यकता थी ?

श्री मोहन धारिया चाय की वार्निटी के बारे में मुझे जरूर एग्जैमिन करना होगा क्योंकि पैरज टी जो जाती है उसमें कोई इस तरह की गिरावट होनी नहीं चाहिए इस तरह की गिरावट होनी नहीं है लेकिन बन्द टी में सम्भावना होती है। माननीय सदस्य के पास कोई डिटेल्स हों तो वह मुझे दें और मैं जरूर जांच करूँगा।

जो जवाब मैंने दिया है उस में बताया है कि अगले साल के लिए हमने दो गुना व्यापार बढ़ा देने का निणय किया है। उसके लिए प्रयत्नों की बहुत जरूरत होगी। कारपोरेशन का व्यापार और बड़े इसाए लिए अच्छा इनफ्रास्ट्रक्चर होना जरूरी है। इसलिए यह जरूरी था।

SHRI SOUGATA ROY May I know if the Government is taking over any more sick tea gardens in Darjeeling and Dooars in West Bengal and whether the Government will merely act as a hospital for sick gardens or will also take over healthy gardens owned by monopoly houses like Duncan Brothers and James Finlay?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA At present there is no such proposal before me to take over any tea gardens but

I can assure the House that if they try to take advantage of the position and exploit the country, whatever measures are necessary for the discontinuance of such exploitation will be taken. We shall not work as it happened in the past.

श्री उग्र सेन : 1975-76 में जो विजनेस ट्यूनिशिया के साथ हुआ है उसके बारे में आडिट, कर्मशियल एकाउंट्स ने एक रिपोर्ट लिखी है। उसकी ओर मैं मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान दिलाना चाहता हूँ। उस में यह कहा गया है

'To cope with the above order, Tea had to be purchased from private sources, the total quantity being 162 236 kg valued at Rs 13 63 lacs. A quantity of 31 769 kgs valued at Rs 2 68 lacs was lying in the stock on 30-4-76. Moreover tea was purchased in bags which had the inherent risk of deterioration in the quality of the goods. An additional charge of Rs 0.75 paise per bag was to be paid for packing the same in chest. Taking all these into consideration it may be pointed out whether the private purchase in this way was economical and done in the best interest of the company.'

क्या मंत्री जी इस रिपोर्ट के बारे में अपनी राय देंगे ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA I shall require a special notice for it

श्री सखीनारायण पांडेय मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सत्य है जैसा कि उन्होंने कहा कि बाजार में 5, 7 रु० तक चाय के दाम बढ़े हैं और सम्भावना व्यक्त की जा रही है कि और भी बढ़ें क्योंकि पुरानी सरकार से गत मार्च महीने के दूसरे सप्ताह में चाय उत्पादकों के साथ कुछ इस प्रकार का समझौता हुआ है जिस के अनुसार चाय का दाम और भी

बढ़ने वाला है। यदि हाँ, तो क्या आप ऐसे समझौते को लागू नहीं करने की दिशा में प्रयत्न करेंगे ? अथवा पुराने समझौते को रद्द करने की कृपा करेंगे ताकि चाय के दाम कम हों ?

श्री मोहन धारिया मैंने तो अभी बताया है कि चाय के दाम ज्यादा न बढ़ें इस पर विचार करने के लिए आज ही मैंने दोपहर में एक मीटिंग बुलाई है और उस में हम जरूर बौशिश करेंगे कि चाय के दाम ज्यादा न बढ़ें। जहाँ तक दूसरी बात है

I am not speaking of foreign exchange and export because we want to earn more foreign exchange. I am speaking of the internal consumption.

मैंने तो पहले ही कहा है कि हाँ।

श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय मैंने पूछा था कि पुरानी सरकार के बीच तथा चाय उत्पादकों के बीच कुछ इस प्रकार का समझौता हुआ है कि जिस के अनुसार चाय के दाम बढ़ें हैं ? और बढ़ने वाले हैं।

श्री मोहन धारिया मैंने कहा कि ऐसा समझौता रिटन नहीं होता है, कोई चीज रेकार्ड में नहीं है। मगर यह बात साफ है कि 2 महीने के अन्दर 6, 7 रु० तक दाम बढ़े हैं। उस के पीछे कई कारण जरूर होना चाहिए। चुनाव पण्ड की बात होगी ऐसा अनुमान निकल सकता है। इस से ज्यादा मेरे पास और कोई मालूमात नहीं है।

SHRI VASANT SATHE Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister, with reference to part (b) of the question asked by Mr. Jyotirmoy Bosu whether he is aware—to have people with good background to ensure quality of tea—that the hon. Member Mr. Jyotirmoy Bosu himself is an expert tea taster and whether he would like to decide to utilize his knowledge and services in this field? Can he kindly let us know, with

[Shri Vasant Sathe]

reference to the last question which he answered whether some of the funds which he says are alleged to have gone in the form of funds have also gone to the side of the Government?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA Regarding the last supplementary question, I have already replied that there was nothing like that the Janata Party had received this fund and replies to other questions have been given. Regarding the first question I entirely share the feelings of the hon. Member that Mr. Jyotirmoy Bosu is one of the best testers of tea and we would like to have co-operation not only from him but also from others who would like to have the co-operation of the Government.

PROF. R. K. AMIN May I have the assurance from the Minister concerned whether the alleged corruption charges levelled against the Corporation will be examined and a report thereon be submitted to the House before three months? Secondly I would like to know from him—that India being a country which is traditionally exporting tea—whether it is necessary for us to receive management training and things like that when sufficient expertise is already available with us? Usually Sir it is the habit of the Government institutions to import all sorts of things and unnecessarily spend money thereon. Will the Hon. Minister review the working of the Tea Corporation with a view to cutting down such waste whatever is the waste which is already taking place in the Tea Corporation?

Thirdly is he also taking steps to enter into an international commodity agreement in tea so that we can get higher prices for our exports? And if so what steps has he taken or what steps has the Corporation taken in this direction?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA No charges of corruption have been levelled so far against the Corporation. So naturally there is no question of going into that question.

Regarding the expertise, the House may be aware that there are a few vested interests and big cartels working in the country and outside and they are having their own experts. If we want experts who are not that way related to the vested interests, naturally, we shall have to train our own people who will be loyal to the country and the society. Therefore, to train our own people becomes all the more necessary and I think, the House will appreciate that this will be a good endeavour.

Regarding the higher export prices to be secured in the foreign markets certainly, in the interest of the country it shall be our endeavour to do so.

श्रीपरी बलबोर सिंह मंत्री महोदय ने अभी कहा है कि जो अब तक होता रहा है वह धागे नहीं होने दिया जायेगा। मेरा प्रश्न यह है कि जो अब तक होता रहा है उस गड़बड़ को हटाने के लिए क्या कोई हाई पावर कमीशन भुकरें किया जायेगा ताकि इन्व्वायरी कराकर प्रापर एक्शन लिया जा सके?

श्री मोहन धारिया • मैं अभी कहा है कि हमारी कार्पोरेशन ५ खिलाफ से कोई चांज नहीं है।

श्रीपरी बलबोर सिंह • मंत्री महोदय ने अभी कहा कि जो अब तक होता रहा है, धागे नहीं होने दिया जायेगा, वह तो ठीक है, लेकिन जो अब तक हुआ है उसने लिए इन्व्वायरी कराने के लिए क्या हाई पावर कमीशन बैठाया जायेगा?

श्री मोहन धारिया • इस कार्पोरेशन का जन्म 1971 में हुआ, मगर तीन साल तक

कुछ काम नहीं हुआ चाहिये चाहिये
राम हो रहा है। अब ऐसा नहीं होगा
कार्पोरेशन का काम जल्दी कैसे हो, इस
लिए कोशिश होगी। इसके लिए हाई
पावर कमीशन बैठाने की जरूरत है, ऐसा
में नहीं मानता हूँ।

SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU
May I know whether the hon Minister
is considering to take preventive
steps so that the tea gardens may
not be sinking in future?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA It shall
be our endeavour

11.28 hrs

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
(SHRI RAVINDRA VERMA) Sir
there are a number of hon Members
who want to participate in the debate
on the President's Address. I myself
have submitted a long list to you
With your permission I would like to
propose that the House may sit today
till 7 or 7.30 P.M. to enable more hon
Members to take part in the debate

Secondly the Government would
like the entire business of the session
to be completed by the 6th evening
If by any chance that is not possible
the House may sit on the 7th also The
Government would like the business
to be completed by the 7th evening

MR SPEAKER Apart from ex-
tending the time by one hour on the
President's Address if the hon Mem-
bers restrict their speeches to 10 or
5 minutes a larger number of hon
Members can be accommodated
Otherwise it is very difficult for the
Chair whoever is in it the Speaker or
the Deputy-Speaker to go or ring the
bell and try to accommodate more
hon Members The new Members
will also get a chance So, we shall
sit today till 7 O'Clock

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA
(Begusarai) May I submit for your
consideration that if you limit it to
5 minutes per Member it would lead
to deterioration in the quality of con-
tribution to the debate? Then I
would also like to submit to you that
the House should not sit beyond 6
O'Clock The session might be ex-
tended by two or three days The
hon Prime Minister had once told
us that he would like the session to
be extended in order to accommodate
more hon. Members to participate in
the debates

MR SPEAKER That is what Mr
Varma has also suggested—that it
may be extended by one or two days

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA
But to sit beyond 6 O'Clock would be
difficult

MR SPEAKER All of them have
agreed After all everybody need
not be there only those who are
anxious to speak will be there

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA
But in any case, you should not be
pleased to agree with the view that
the contribution of each Member
should be limited only to five minutes
you should not be a party to that

MR SPEAKER The imposition of
a voluntary restriction is what I have
suggested so that other Members may
also get a chance

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Dia-
mond Harbour) I have a submission
to make regarding your ruling on
the Privilege Motion against Sir
T N Kaul

MR. SPEAKER I will give it when
I am ready Do you want me to
give it straightaway here and now?
I thought I should take some time

11 87 hrs

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

REVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT OF
JOYBA BAKERIES (INDIA) LTD NEW
DELHI FOR 1975- 6

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL) I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act 1956

- (1) Review by the Government on the working of the Modern Bakeries (India) Limited, New Delhi for the year 1975 76

- (2) Annual Report of the Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd New Delhi for the year 1975 76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

[Placed in Library See No. LT 31/77]

REVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORTS OF HINDUSTAN HOUSING FACTORY LTD., NEW DELHI FOR 1975-76 AND NATIONAL BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD NEW DELHI FOR 1975 76 WITH CERTAIN OTHER PAPERS IN RESPECT THEREOF UNDER COMPANIES ACT 1956 NOTIFICATIONS UNDER TAMIL NADU TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971 WITH A STATEMENTS NOTIFICATIONS UNDER DELHI URBAN ART COMMISSION ACT 1973 AUDIT REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF CENTRAL BOARD FOR PREVENTION & CONTROL OF WATER POLLUTION FOR 1975-76 AND ANNUAL REPORT OF D.D.A. FOR 1975-76

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) I beg to lay on the Table

- (1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions)

under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956

(i) Annual Report of the Hindustan Housing Factory Limited, New Delhi for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(ii) Review by the Government on the working of the Hindustan Housing Factory Limited, New Delhi, for year 1975-76

[Placed in Library See No LT-32/77]

(iii) Annual Report of the National Building Construction Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1975 76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(iv) Review by the Government on the above report

[Placed in Library See No LT-33/77]

(2) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions)

(i) Statement on the amendment of Capital Clause 'V' of the Memorandum of Association of the National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited, New Delhi.

(ii) Statement on the amendment of Article 5 of the Articles of Association of the National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited, New Delhi.

(iii) Explanatory Statement under section 173 of the Companies Act 1956 giving details of amendments in items (i) and (ii) above

[Placed in Library See No. LT-34/77]

(3) A copy each of the following Notifications under sub-section (2) of section 123 of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971.

(i) The Preparation, Publication and Sanction of Detailed Development Plan (Madras Metropolitan Planning Area) Rules published in Notification No G O Ms 1853 in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 5th November, 1975

(ii) G O Ms 1877 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 26th November, 1975

(iii) The Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Board (Conduct of Meetings) Rules 1971 published in Notification No G O Ms 423 in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 21st April, 1976

(iv) The Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning and Development Fund Rules 1976 published in Notification No G O Ms 2486 in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 26th January 1977

(v) The Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Board (Term of Office and Removal of Member and Filling Casual Vacancies) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No G O Ms 2372 in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 9th February, 1977

[Placed in Library See No LT-35/7]

(4) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi versions of the Notification mentioned at item (3) above

[Placed in Library See No LT-35/7]

(5) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English

versions), under sub-section (3) of section 26 of the Delhi Urban Art Commission Act, 1973

(1) The Delhi Urban Art Commission (Accounts) Rules, 1976, published in Notification No G S R 31 in Gazette of India dated the 1st January, 1977

(ii) The Delhi Urban Art Commission (submission of Annual Report) Amendment Rules 1977 published in Notification No G S R. 182 in Gazette of India dated the 5th February 1977

[Placed in Library See No LT-36/77]

(6) A copy of the Audit Report (Hindi and English versions) on the accounts of the Central Board for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, for the year 1975-76, under sub-section (6) of section 40 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

[Placed in Library See No LT-37/77]

(7) A copy of the Annual Administration Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Delhi Development Authority, for the year 1975-76 under section 26 of the Delhi Development Act 1957 [Placed in Library See No LT-38/77]

AUDIT REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & TRAINING FOR 1973-74 WITH STATEMENT FOR DELAY, NOTIFICATIONS UNDER TAMIL NADU PROHIBITION ACT, 1937 ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW OF INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, NEW DELHI FOR 1975-76 NOTIFICATIONS UNDER INDIAN MUSEUM ACT, 1910 AND ANNUAL REPORT OF UGC FOR 1975-76

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
(DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-
DRI) : I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy of the Audit Report (Hindi and English versions) on the

[Dr. Pratap Chandra Chunder]

accounts of the National Council of Education Research and Training for the year 1973-74.

(2) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the above report.

[Placed in Library See No LT-39/77]

(3) A copy each of the following Notifications under sub-section (3) of section 54 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 read with clause (c) (iv) of the proclamation dated the 31st January 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu—

(i) G.O. Ms. 299 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 20th October, 1976 making certain amendments to the Madras Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959

(ii) G.O. Ms. 302 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 27th October, 1976 making certain amendment to the Madras Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules 1960

(iii) G.O. Ms. 303 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 27th October, 1976, making certain amendments to the Madras Distillery Rules, 1960

(iv) G.O. Ms. 304 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 3rd November, 1976 making certain amendments to the Madras Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1960

(v) G.O. Ms. 314 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 3rd November, 1976 making certain amendments to the Madras Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1960

(vi) G.O. Ms. 319 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 10th November 1976 making certain amendment to the Madras Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959

(vii) G.O. Ms. 322 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 10th November, 1976 making certain amendment to the Madras Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1960

(viii) G.O. Ms. 22 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 9th February, 1977 making certain amendments to the Madras Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1960

(ix) G.O. Ms. 45 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 9th March 1977 making certain amendment to the Madras Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959

[Placed in Library See No LT-40/77]

(4) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying Hindi versions of the Notifications mentioned at item (3) above

[Placed in Library See No LT-40/77]

(5) (i) A copy of the Annual report (Hindi version)* of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, for the year 1973-76

(ii) Review (Hindi and English versions) by Government on the above report.

[Placed in Library See No. LT-41/77]

*The Report (English version) was laid on the Table on the 3rd November 1976

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(6) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English Versions) under sub-section (3) of section 15-A of the Indian Museum Act, 1910 —

(i) The Indian Museum Recruitment Rules, 1977 published in Notification No GSR 194 in Gazette of India dated the 12th February, 1977

(ii) The Indian Museum (Amendment) Rules 1977 published in Notification No GSR 957 in Gazette of India dated the 19th March, 1977

[Placed in Library See No LT-42/77]

(7) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the University Grants Commission for the year 1975-76 under section 18 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956

[Placed in Library See No LT-43/77]

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-3-76 WITH AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND NOTIFICATIONS UNDER CUSTOMS ACT, 1962 AND CENTRAL EXCISE RULES 1944

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री गुज लाल वर्मा) •
श्री एच० एम० पटेल की ओर से मैं निम्न-
लिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ —

(1) जीवन बीमा नियम अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 29 के अन्तर्गत भारतीय जीवन बीमा नियम के 31 मार्च, 1976 को समाप्त हुए वर्ष के वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन (हिन्दी

तथा अंग्रेजी संस्करण) की एक प्रति तथा लेखापरीक्षित लेख)

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(2) सीमा शुल्क अधिनियम, 1962 की धारा 159 के अन्तर्गत अधिसूचना संख्या 41-बस्टम्स (हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी संस्करण) की एक प्रति जो दिनांक 1 अप्रैल, 1977 के भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित हुई थी तथा एक व्याख्यात्मक शापन ।

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(3) केन्द्रीय उत्पाद शुल्क नियम 1944 के अन्तर्गत जारी की गई अधिसूचना संख्या 48 मेट्रल एक्साइज (हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी संस्करण) की एक प्रति जो दिनांक 1 अप्रैल, 1977 के भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित हुई थी तथा एक व्याख्यात्मक शापन ।

[Placed in Library See No LT-46/77]

NOTIFICATION UNDER INDUSTRIES (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION) ACT, 1951

श्री गुज लाल वर्मा : मैं उद्योग (विवास और विनियमन) अधिनियम 1951 की धारा 9 की उपधारा (1) के अन्तर्गत जारी की गई अधिसूचना संख्या सा 0 भा 0 162 (ई) (हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी संस्करण) की एक प्रति सभा पटल पर रखता हूँ, जो दिनांक 14 फरवरी, 1977 के भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित हुई थी ।

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11.33 hrs.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

NEWS ITEM IN THE TIMES OF INDIA
DATED THE 31ST MARCH 1977 RE ALLEGED
REMARKS BY PRIME MINISTER IN RESPECT
OF WOMEN AS PRIME MINISTERS

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN
(Coimbatore) I would first like to
point out that I have not received a
copy of the statement to be made by
the Prime Minister as is the usual
practice

MR. SPEAKER There is no ques-
tion of an advance notice

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISH-
NAN But to the person who gives
the Calling Attention notice it should
be given in advance so that he or she
will have an opportunity to go through
it

MR. SPEAKER He has not given
anything in advance. He is replying
here to the Calling Attention; you can
hear him and then put your questions

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM
(Tiruchirappalli) I have been a Mem-
ber of the House for six years and
the practice so far was that when a
Calling Attention is admitted before
it is taken up for answer here a copy
of the statement is made available to
all the Members and not only to the
Member who gives the Calling Atten-
tion notice. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER When the state-
ment is long that is what is done but
in the case of some Calling Attention
on notices like this when they want to
answer it extempore it is not obliga-
tory or compulsory that it should
be given in advance. (Interruptions)

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHN-
AN I call the attention of the Prime
Minister to the following matter of
urgent public importance and request

that he may make a statement there-
on —

"The news item appearing in the
Times of India dated the 31st March
1977 attributing statements alleged
to have been made by him regard-
ing women as Prime Ministers and
levelling derogatory and unseemly
remarks about them."

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI
MORARJI DESAI) May I say that
the controversy which has arisen is in
respect of something which I said more
than two years ago. But I don't wish
that that controversy should go on nor
do I wish that I should add to it fur-
ther. It is very unfortunate that this
should have happened and I regret
very much that I should have been
the cause of it. I can only say that
in future I shall be careful to see that
I don't give scope for such a thing.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHN-
AN I am very grateful to the Prime
Minister for the statement that he has
made. It is the image of our country
that is involved also, it is International
Women's Decade. That is why we
were disturbed. Particularly he has
claimed in that statement that he is
a follower of Gandhiji. Gandhiji was
the person who taught our country
that women have to take their place
equally with men in order to ensure
salvation for our country.

SHRI MORARJI DESAI May I say
that I respect women far more than
the hon. Member does.

11.36 hrs.

RE MATTER UNDER RULE 377

MR. SPEAKER Mr. Biju Patnaik

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Dia-
mond Harbour) Sir, I had given a
notice under rule 377 to draw the at-
tention of the House to public burning
and trampling of newspapers in a pub-
lic meeting.

MR SPEAKER The hon Member, may please sit down He has given no notice, I think, on every subject—call attention, under rule 377 and all that—and if I accept everything there will be no other Member doing any work, and time of the whole House will be taken away by Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu. The next moment after he has given notice, he should not get up like this and start speaking It is not proper The State Assembly is there If somebody has stolen or done something with some newspapers they can raise it in the State Assembly, not here I would request him not to raise it like this

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Sir, you have been unkind to me I had given notice of an Adjournment Motion You told me that that was not being allowed. Now I have given a notice under rule 377 Newspapers have been trampled upon and burnt publicly—Mr Chavan was there as an eye witness—by a Minister of the West Bengal Government in Calcutta

MR SPEAKER That is alright You have had your say now (Interruptions)

There are about 25 notices before me I cannot answer all the Members 25 hon. Members have given notices, and if all the 25 Members begin shouting like this the House cannot proceed in a proper way

Mr Biju Patnaik

11.38 hrs.

PETROLEUM PIPELINES (ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER IN LAND) AMENDMENT BILL*

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962

SHRI ANNASAHAB GOTKHINDE (Sangli) Sir under rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I oppose the motion for leave to introduce the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Amendment Bill 1977, on the following grounds —

The Statement of Objects and Reasons accompanying the said Bill is incomplete defective and misleading It makes no reference to the promulgation by the President of the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Amendment Ordinance, 1977

Secondly, the said Statement does not specify whether the Bill to be introduced seeks to replace the said Ordinance

The revision of the Statement of Objects and Reasons has, therefore, become absolutely necessary

We have read today what Mr Jayaprakash Narayan has said He has said that those in office were on test daily and if they did not come up to the mark, they should be made to step down, I have pointed out the serious lapse on the part of a Minister and I hope that an impression will not be created in the country that a Janata Minister merely signs on the dotted line'

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK In his rhetoric the hon Member has quoted what Shri Jayaprakash Narayan has said We on this side shall obey Shri Jayaprakash Narayan implicitly But I would request the hon Member to do a little more home work before giving a notice of this sort to oppose

If he takes the time to go through the Bill that I have presented to this House

SHRI ANNASAHB GOTKHINDE
The Bill has not yet been introduced.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK If he looks at clause 11 of the Bill that is before the House he will notice to his surprise that the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Amendment Ordinance is being repealed.

SHRI ANNASAHB GOTKHINDE
Sir on a point of order I was referring to the Statement of Objects and Reasons. He is referring to something else.

MR SPEAKER He has already made his point. Let him now hear the Minister.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK I have presented before this House a Bill which seeks to repeal the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Rights of User in Land) Amendment Ordinance, 1977. It is a part of this Bill which is before the House. The fact is that this simple matter is not included in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. The Statement of Objects and Reasons merely explains as to why this new Act has been brought before the House, in replacement of the old Bill, with further additions required for the new discoveries and scientific development that have taken place in this country, as exhibited in the Kudremukh project. That is why this has been brought up. Therefore, I would request the Speaker to reject the objection.

MR SPEAKER The question is

That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to amend the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK I introduced the Bill.

11 42 hrs.

STATEMENT RE PETROLEUM PIPELINES (ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER IN LAND) AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Amendment Ordinance, 1977.

11 42½ hrs.

EAST PUNJAB URBAN RENT RESTRICTION (CHANDIGARH AMENDMENT) BILL*

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) Sir, on behalf of Chaudhuri Charan Singh, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act, 1949 as in force in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

MR. SPEAKER The question is

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act, 1949, as in force in the Union territory of Chandigarh."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA I introduced the Bill.

*Introduced with the recommendation of the Vice President acting as President.

*Published in Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II, Sec 2, dated 4-4-77

11 43 hrs

**STATEMENT RE EAST PUNJAB
URBAN RENT RESTRICTION
(CHANDIGARH AMENDMENT) OR-
DINANCE**

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) On be-
half of Chaudhuri Charan Singh I beg
to lay on the Table an explanatory
statement (Hindi and English ver-
sions) giving reasons for immediate
legislation by the East Punjab Urban
Rent Retriktion (Chandigarh Amend-
ment) Ordinance, 1976

11 43½ hrs

**PREVENTION OF PUBLICATION
OF OBJECTIONABLE MATTER (RE-
PEAL) BILL***

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING (SHRI
L. K. ADVANI) I beg to move for
leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the
Prevention of Publication of Objec-
tionable Matter Act, 1976

MR. SPEAKER The question is

"That leave be granted to intro-
duce a Bill to repeal the Prevention
of Publication of Objectionable Mat-
ter Act, 1976"

The motion was adopted

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I introduce
the Bill

11 44 hrs

**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS
(PROTECTION OF PUBLICATION)
BILL***

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K.
ADVANI) I beg to move for leave to
introduce a Bill to protect the publica-
tion of reports of proceedings of
Parliament.

MR. SPEAKER The question is

"That leave be granted to intro-
duce a Bill to protect the publication
of reports of proceedings of Parlia-
ment"

The motion was adopted

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I introduce
the Bill

11 45 hrs.

**MOTION OF THANKS ON THE
ADDRESS BY THE VICE-PRESI-
DENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT—
Contd.**

MR. SPEAKER We will now tak-
up discussion on the Motion of
Thanks Shri H. V. Kamath

श्री वी. व. कामथ (श्री वी. व. कामथ) :

प्रधान मंत्री, जो वागजात में पर रखे
जाते हैं वह हम मिलते नहीं हैं। जो पहली
तारीख को रखे गए वह आज भी नहीं
मिले हैं।

प्रधान मंत्री साइबरी में रहते हैं।

श्री वी. व. कामथ वहाँ पर तो
यह प्रोजेक्टर या वि. हमकी दिए जाते
थे।

11 46 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH
(Hoshangabad) Mr. Deputy Speaker,
Sir, some two decades ago a seminar
was held on Parliamentary Democracy
in the Central Hall of Parliament
House. There I took part in the dis-
cussion and I ventured to suggest that
the main task of the opposition was
to expose, to oppose and to depose,
and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who was
then British High Commissioner in
India, agreed with me in toto. He
added a corollary, saying that after
deposing one ought to repose. Today
we have no time to repose. There is
no time for rest because the General
Election which had demonstrated con-
vincingly the truth of the old adage:
पंचाली के चक्के देर भले हैं, अघे नहीं हैं।
and the wheels of God grind slowly
but they grind exceedingly sure, ex-
ceedingly small this Election has
swept into the dust-bin of history the
Mafia gang of Delhi, the monstrous
Mafia gang of Delhi, what we may call
in Hindi चाण्डाल चंडे consisting of
the then Defence Minister Shri Bansi

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[Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath]

Lal Shri Vidya Chandra Shikla the then Information and Broadcasting Minister Shri Biju Gandhi the Prime Minister's second son and Shri Om Mehta the Minister of State for Home Affairs headed by the big boss the Prime Minister herself

The General Election has ushered into our country a non-violent revolution which has to be carried forward by us and by the people acting in unison. We have no time for rest because we have to dismantle the

monstrous fascist apparatus of oppression and tyranny set up in India by

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after Shri Morarji Desai now the Prime Minister was released from detention. That was the case of Dalmia Jain Airways in which the Sessions Court had delivered the judgement. But this was suppressed by the Chief Censor in January. The way the Chief Censor functioned is laughable. I remember the famous Gita sloka—

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Shri Krishna exhorted Arjuna not to be a coward but to stand up and fight. That line was blocked by the censor when an article came up for scrutiny.

Worse still was the case of an Indian film actress in London. A London Report about the arrest of actress Verghese for shoplifting later corrected to Nargis' was killed by the Censor. The Censor also killed the news relating to the Sadhu of Paunar Acharya Vinoba Bhave in regard to the raid on his ashram and seizure of his magazine Maitri.

During that dark period there was an attempt to set up a dynasty in embryo. I use the word embryo deliberately because it did not come to fruition. The embryo was killed. I remember an instance in the First Lok Sabha 20 years ago when we had a Poet Member on the Opposition Bench at that time. In the lobby one day some friends of the Poet Member asked his opinion about a Nehru Dynasty. The Poet Member immediately retorted that if Nehru tried to found a dynasty he would die nasty. That is what has now happened to the dynasty in embryo. It has died a political death. It has died very nastily in the recent election. The people have swept them into the dustbin of history.

AN HON' MEMBER No repentance

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH
They would not repent. They would

neither learn nor forget. They will be made to learn the lesson very shortly if they have not learnt it already. I am very glad to see Sir that the Acting President has referred in his Address to the cult of personality and the people have scotched that cult before it could emerge forcibly or become stronger. In the Constituent Assembly 28 years ago in 1949 Dr Ambedkar had sounded a similar warning. Dr Ambedkar said

The second thing we must do is to observe the caution which John Stuart Mill has given to all who are interested in the maintenance of democracy namely not to lay their liberties at the feet of even a great man or to trust him with powers which enable him to subvert their institutions.

Then he went on to say

'This caution is far more necessary in the case of India than in the case of any other country. For in India Bhakti or what may be called the path of devotion or hero-worship plays a part in its politics unequalled in magnitude by the part it plays in the politics of any other country in the world.

And then this is very topical and throws a lot of light on what has happened in the country in the general election.

Bhakti in religion may be a road to the salvation of the soul. But in politics Bhakti or hero-worship is a sure road to degradation and to eventual dictatorship.

Dr Rajendra Prasad the President of India also sounded a warning. It is very appropriate today in the present condition when the Congress party has brought the country to this sorry pass. He said

If the people who are elected are capable and men of character and integrity they would be able to make the best even of a defective constitution. If they are lacking in

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these the Constitution cannot help the country. After all a Constitution like a machine is a lifeless thing. It acquires life because of the men who control it and operate it and India needs today nothing more than a set of honest men who will have the interest of the country before them. It requires men of strong character, men of vision, men who will not sacrifice the interests of the country at large for the sake of smaller groups and areas and who will rise over the prejudice which are born of these differences.

That was a warning which was necessary then and even more necessary today. The task before the country before our Janata Government and also of the people of India is a mighty task to further this revolution which has been ushered in by the general election which is a non-violent revolution. I call it Act One. Scene One. Our task is to accomplish a socio-economic revolution by peaceful methods founded on firm moral and spiritual values.

During the Congress regime nothing was so bad as the devaluation of moral values, standards and norms of democracy. And this devaluation of values was more calamitous than the devaluation of the currency. The emergency was itself an illustration of the way the Government functioned in their so-called democracy.

My hon. friend Shri Mishra raised a question the other day and I am afraid the Government has not fully understood the implications of what Shri Mishra raised that day. If what he said was correct—and I am sure it was correct—then I have no doubt in my mind that all that was done 12 hrs

All that was done in the wake of the emergency was illegal, void and unconstitutional. The Proclamation itself was illegal and void. All the ministers and others who functioned in the emergency did all those things

have to be brought to book, to stern justice before the law—justice, stern justice and no misplaced generosity, should be meted out to the Prime Minister, Chief Ministers or anybody else.

I have noticed recently that in the corridors of power in Delhi, there are men waiting to pay court to the ministers, men who had developed cold feet during emergency and who shunned the then Opposition and shunned all those who were against the Establishment out of fear, out of panic, out of cold feet, in timidity or pusillanimity. They are now waiting in the corridors of power to pay court and reap benefit out of the present Government. I hope the Government will preserve its image, true image, the people's image and will not succumb to the viles of the people who want to pay court to them by waiting in the corridors of power.

One last word and I have done. I would like to submit in all humility and with all earnestness that there is a great task, his one task, revolutionary task before us. Great tasks and little minds go ill together. We will have to have great minds with a great vision before us. Where there is no vision, it has been rightly said, the people perish.

Sir, the other day the Leader of the Opposition or some other spokesman on the other side referred to the discussion on this subject, and they had the temerity to suggest that all these exposures—this exposure may lead to the tarnishing of the country's image. I am reminded of what Dr. Kissinger used to say in the United States when the Watergate scandal was exposed. And he being a beneficiary of President Nixon, said that all these exposures might lead to the tarnishing of America's image in the world. What has happened? What really happened after the exposure of the Watergate and the exit of President Nixon was that the image of America

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पोलिटिकल नजारा है। कुछ लोग जो समाधि की तरफ़ देखना भी नहीं चाहते थे वह भी वहाँ पर भाराम से छड़े हुए शपथ से रहे थे। बहुत अच्छे सवण हैं अगर उस शपथ को ध्यान में रख कर जनता पार्टी आगे चलने की काशिश करती है तो। उस के बाद मैंने इस सदन में माननीय वित्त मंत्री जी का भाषण सुना, रेल मंत्री जी का भाषण सुना और उस के बाद आज जिस प्रस्ताव पर हम बहस कर रहे हैं उस राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण को भी पढ़ा और सुना। यह तीनों काफी महत्वपूर्ण मौके होते हैं।

जनता पार्टी की सरकार ने यह कहा है कि अभी हम को चार्ज लिये बहुत थोड़ा समय हुआ है इसलिए बहुत से मुनियारी मुद्दों पर हमारी नया नीति और दृष्टिकोण होगा हम आने वाले सेशन में इन बातों पर अपनी नीतियों पर गहराई से प्रकाश डालेंगे। अभी जो कुछ प्रकाश डाला है उस में जो मुझे लगा है वह मैं आप के सामने रखना चाहता हूँ। मैं माननीय रेल मंत्री के भाषण से जो कुछ समझा उन्होंने दो साल के रेलवे के परफार्मेंस के बारे में वस्तु स्थिति का अपने भाषण में जिक्र किया। उस समय जनता पार्टी के पीछे बैठे हुए माननीय सदस्यों के चेहरे को मैं देख रहा था, उनकी हुई कायवाहियों को भी देख रहा था और उससे मुझे कुछ दुःख भी हो रहा था क्योंकि रेल मंत्री जी ने कुछ पोलिटिकल आनेस्टी बरती।

उन्होंने पिछले साल के रेलवे के परफार्मेंस के बारे में जिक्र किया और उसने बारे में जनता पार्टी के यहाँ बैठने वाले सदस्यों के हावभाव देख कर वह खुद घबरा गये और उन्होंने यह कहा कि यह परफार्मेंस रेलवे कर्मचारियों और जनता की बजह से है। यह एक नई टर्मिनोलीजी सुनने की मिली। यहाँ पर यह है कि अगर कोई परफार्मेंस

आगे भी किसी महकमें में होगी तो वह इन मन्त्रियों और सरकार की नहीं होगी, वह भी जनता और जनता के कर्मचारियों की ही होगी। जनता पार्टी ने एक नई टर्मिनोलीजी यह रखी है, क्या ये इसे परमानेंट टर्मिनोलीजी बना कर चलना चाहते हैं, यह मेरा एक प्रश्न है?

उसके बाद वित्त मंत्री ने छड़े हो कर देश की स्थिति के बारे में कुछ जिक्र किया। मुझे उनके भाषण और उनके दृष्टिकोण को देख कर बहुत ही दुःख हुआ। उनके भाषण को सुनने के बाद मुझे ऐसा लगा कि इस देश में पिछले 30 साल में जैसे कुछ भी नहीं हुआ और हम फिर जीरो से सारा काम शुरू कर रहे हैं। इस कट्टी में काफ़ी कारीदार हुआ है। (व्यवधान) आप भी अपनी बात बाद में कह लीजिए। आपको बहुत मोका मिलेगा। मैं ऐसा आदमी नहीं हूँ जो किसी के बीच में बोलूँ। मेरा प्रश्न है कि मैं किसी के बीच में नहीं बोलूँ। मैं आपसे यह भी निवेदन कर देना चाहता हूँ कि उत्तर भारत में मैं ही अपनी पार्टी का एक मुमाइन्दा हूँ, इस बात का भी आप लोग ध्यान रखें।

मैं आपसे यह निवेदन कर रहा था कि वित्त मंत्री ने कहा कि इस देश में कृषि उत्पादन कुछ बढ़ा है, तो वह मौसम की अनुकूलता की बजह से बढ़ा है। जनता पार्टी के बहुत से लोगों को ख्याल होगा कि जब यह देश आजाद हुआ तो इसका खाद्यान्न का उत्पादन 50 मिलियन टन था। आज वह उत्पादन 118 मिलियन टन पहुँच गया है। वह सकते हैं कि इसमें अच्छे मौसम का भी असर है लेकिन पिछले 30 साल में 50 मिलियन टन से इसका प्रोडक्शन 110-112 मिलियन टन पहुँच चुका है उससे नीचे नहीं जाता है तो मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि मौसम के अलावा और भी कई फैक्टर्स इसमें भाग है, ऐसा हम सब लोग समझकर चलें। आगे भी चलने के लिए

भार्ज का सबल कुछ मिनट ही चल सकेंगे । यह भी हमें तय करना होगा । यह है एथी-वरचर का उत्पादन हो या उद्योग का, हमें यह वित्तना बड़ा यह कोई न कोई आधार आज का मां पर ही चलना होगा करना भाग आपको भी सम्पूजन होगा कि आप ने कहा से शुरू किया और आप कहा पहुँचे ।

हमने जा पीछे खराब किया, हमको जो भी सजा आप दें, हम उस भोगने को तैयार हैं । आप कमीशन बैठाइये, इन्वॉयरी कीजिए, लेकिन मरी प्रार्थना है कि आप उसमें ज्यादा समय मत लगाइये, जो करना है, कर डालिये । अगर यहाँ भाषण में ज्यादा समय लगायेंगे तो जो आप को आगे काम करना है उससे पीछे रह जायेंगे । इस सदन का टाइम बड़ा कीमती है, एक मिनट के हजारों रुपये लगत ह । हमारे माननीय सदस्य श्री उपोत्तिर्मय शुक्ल हैं, दो, तीन घण्टे का समय तो यही खा जाते हैं । आप इन्हें समझाइये, बट्टाल कीजिए क्योंकि आपकी पार्टी के साथ है । जनता पार्टी बड़ी हैट्रोजीनियस है इसमें कई प्रकार के दल हैं और आपने इनका अपने-अपने मिलान तय किया है । आप ऐसा कीजिए जिससे कुछ अनुशासन हो और इस सदन में एक एक मिनट का सही उपयोग हो, इस सब की कोशिश होनी चाहिए ।

उद्योग की प्रोग्रस कीरों से बढ कर 10 परसेंट सब पहुँच गई, लेकिन जनता पार्टी की तरफ से कहा जाता है कि कुछ भी नहीं हुआ है । हमने अपनी हार बड़ी प्रेसफुली स्वीकार की है । जनता ने हम को हमारे इकानॉमिक प्रोग्राम के कारण नहीं हराया, बल्कि हमारी कुछ गलतियों के कारण हराया । हम उन गलतियों को

स्वीकार करते हैं । भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री जी भी उन का स्वीकार करती है । हम बोल्डली कहते हैं कि हम ने गलतियाँ की हैं इसलिए जनता ने हम जो सजा दी है, वह हम मंजूर है । आपने कमीशन द्वारा एन्-वॉयरी करवा कर भी हम जो सजा दी जायेगी, वह भी हम मंजूर है । लेकिन सरकार को इन बातों पर ज्यादा समय बर्बाद नहीं करना चाहिए ।

वित्त मंत्री का भाषण पोलिटिकल आनेस्टी से परे था । मुझे आशा है कि आपने वह ज्यादा आनेस्ट हो कर आयेंगे । आज जनता पार्टी में कई पार्टियाँ शामिल हैं। समझ में नहीं आता है कि वह किन नीतियों के आधार पर देश को आगे बढ़ायेगी । अगर वह अपनी नीतियों को साफ करेगी, तो इस से देश को बल मिलेगा । जनता को अच्छी तरह से मालूम है कि पिछले तीस सालों में एथीकल्चरल प्रडक्शन और इंडस्ट्रियल प्रडक्शन के क्षेत्र में कितना काम हुआ है । हम आश्वासन देते हैं कि हम सरकार को पूरा सहयोग देंगे ।

जहाँ तक एथीकल्चरल प्रोडक्शन का सम्बन्ध है, नेशनल कमीशन आन एथीकल्चर ने 34 वाल्यूम्ज की एक रिपोर्ट सरकार को दी है । वह एक इन्विस्टिगेशन कमीशन था । इस देश में जंगलात, जानवरों और खेती से जैसे धन बढ़ाया जाये, और इस सैन्यरी के एण्ड में हमारे फैमिली प्रोग्राम के बावजूद देश की जनसंख्या, जो 95 करोड़ तक पहुँच जायेगी, उसको कैसे फीड किया जाये, इस बारे में भगने छ साल के लिए जिम्मेदारी जनता सरकार की है ।

राष्ट्रपति ने अपने अभिभाषण में कहा है कि आपने वाले दस सालों में हम जनता को

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प्रच्छा जीवन दे सकेंगे और बेरोजगारी को मिटा सकेंगे ।

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[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

हम दोनों का उद्देश्य यही है लेकिन अगले दस साल में यह काम कैसे किया जायेगा, इस बारे में सरकार को एक प्रोग्राम बनाना चाहिए । अगर वह बारह महीने हों गलियाँ देने में निश्चय देगी, तो काम करने के लिए उस के पास सिर्फ 9 साल बचेंगे । काम करने के लिए अगले छ साल तो उस के निश्चित हैं । अगर दस बीच में वह गिर जाय, तो और बान है । उस के गिरने का खतरा है । हम उस में फूट नहीं डालना चाहते हैं । वह स्वयं अपने बेट से गिरेगी । अगर यह सरकार इन छ सालों में जनता की भलाई के लिए काम करती है, तो उस के बाद अगर फिर जनता पार्टी की सरकार बनती है, तो हों कोई एतराज नहीं होगा ।

राष्ट्रीय कृषि आयोग की रिपोर्ट हिन्दुस्तान के 80 परसेंट लोगों के बेलकेयर का डाकुमेंट है । सरकार को उस का अध्ययन कर के उस पर कार्यवाही शुरू कर देनी चाहिए और छठे प्लान के अन्तर्गत उस के मुताबिक योजनाएँ बनानी चाहिए । सरकार को प्रोन्नत रमट और दामो के बारे में फैसला करना है । महंगाई को देखते हुए किसान का कास्ट भाग प्रोडक्शन बहुत बढ़ गया है । सरकार किसान को 102 103 या 105 रुपय देनी है । वह कुछ और ज्यादा दे सके, तो अच्छा है । यह ठीक है कि वह बहुत ज्यादा सस्मिडी नहीं दे सकती है । प्राइज 136 के रेट पर आप बेच रहे हैं । अगर बेचने के रेट को थोड़ा और ऊँचा कर दें तो जो कुछ आप ने बेब्रेज लोगों की बढ़ाई है उससे बहुत ज्यादा सस्मिडी आप को नहीं देनी पड़ेगी और कृषिपार को भी उस की पैदावार की

कुछ ज्यादा कीमत मिल जायेगी । आज यह एक बहुत बड़ा सवाल है कि काश्तकार को उस की पैदावार की वाजिव कीमत मिलनी चाहिए और यह सवाल कि किस तरह से प्रोक्योरिट किया जाय, क्या उस की कीमतें मुकरंद की जाय पहले से चला आ रहा है । पहले भी यह सवाल था कि काश्तकार को उस की पैदा की हुई चीजों के उचित दाम नहीं मिलते । अब आप की नई सरकार बनी है । हमें यह देखना है कि हिन्दुस्तान के काश्तकारों को आप इस बारे में क्या इत्साफ दे सकते हैं । थोड़े दिनों में ही इस का पता चल जायगा जब तक सदन चल रहा है उस के अन्दर ही बता दें तो हम को भी पता चल जायगा, वरना अखबारी में जनता भी पढ़ेगी और हम भी अखबारों में ही पढ़ लेंगे । अभी तक बहुत सी बातें इस बारे में सोचने और करने की हैं । उन को आप सोचें और करें । प्रधान मंत्री जी बहुत तजुबेकार हैं और बहुत वजुर्ग हैं । आप की पार्टी के लोगों की कम से कम तकनीकें उन के पास जायें ऐसा इतजाम आप करें । आपस के प्रेशर और दूसरे प्रेशर्स से उन के काम करने की शक्ति पर असर पड़ेगा । इस देश से गरीबी मिटाने का काम दस साल के अन्दर उन को करना है । उस के लिए बहुत कुछ करना पड़ेगा और बहुत ज्यादा मीरियम हो कर उन्हें इन सारी बातों के ऊपर सोचना पड़ेगा । हम भी उस में आप का साथ देना चाहते हैं । हम इस बात को भी मानते हैं कि देश में दू पार्टी सिस्टम हो और उस के लिए फंडर पोलीटिक्लेशन करते की जरूरत हो तो वह भी कर दिया जाय । देश के अन्दर दो पार्टियाँ बना कर अगर हम लोग तब के मार्ग पर सरलतापूर्वक चल सकें और देश को आगे ले जा सकें तो मैं समझता हूँ यह एक बहुत ही अच्छी बात होगी ।

जहाँ तक एमर्जेंसी का काल्पनिक है मेरी राय में हम देश के लिए एमर्जेंसी

जरूरी थी क्योंकि जिस तरह का वातावरण स्कूलों कालेजों और रेलों इत्यादि में बना हुआ था उस में एमजेंसी लागू करना बहुत ही आवश्यक हो गया था। मेरी राय में एमजेंसी नहीं होती तो यह देश मर जाता (व्यवधान) मैं इस तरह के हल्लों से दबने वाला नहीं हूँ। एमजेंसी में हमारी गलतियाँ हुई हैं, उन को मैं मानता हूँ। मैं आप से यह भी कहना चाहता हूँ कि जिस रास्ते पर आप चल रहे हैं उस के बारे में माननीय मंत्री जी और प्रधान मंत्री जी कुछ और सोच लें। आपने रेलवे के लोगो को बहाल किया। आपने 600 आदिमियों को नौकरी पर ले लिया, हमें कोई एतराज नहीं है। लेकिन एक प्रोसीजर, एक तरीका होता है करने का। अच्छा होता आप इस की थोड़ी और स्कीनिंग कर लेते क्योंकि ऐसा न हो कि वही उच्छृंखलता फिर इस देश में वापस आ जाय। यह ख्याल आप को रख कर चलना है। आप बोनस और दूसरे सबालो को देखें। ठीक है मंत्री जी ने याद दिलाया उस दिन कि य-य मागें आप न की थी। पर हम तो समझौता करने के लिए तैयार थे। मतलब यह कि आज आप भी महसूस करते हैं कि सारी मागें मानने लायक नहीं हैं, मानी नहीं जा सकती हैं।

मैं आप से यह निवेदन करता हूँ कि आर्गेनाइज्ड लैबर इस देश में तगड़ा है। उनके प्रतिनिधि आप की पार्टी में भी तगड़े हैं। अगर आर्गेनाइज्ड लैबर के एक हिस्से से ज्यादा आप ने दे दिया तो देश के करोड़ों गरीब जो अन-आर्गेनाइज्ड हैं उन का क्या करेंगे? आप के सामने रिसोर्सेज का भी सबाल है। (व्यवधान) मैं यह निवेदन कर रहा हूँ कि इस देश में लैबर को एम्प्लोयमेंट टैम्पर कर के फिर वही उच्छृंखलता का वातावरण वापस खड़ा कर दिया गया तो यह बरतार खुद अपनी

मौत मोल लेगी। यह मैं बहुत गंभीरता से निवेदन कर रहा हूँ। इस देश में करोड़ों गरीब लोग पड़े हुए हैं जिन के लिए कोई बोलने वाला नहीं है जिनका कोई आर्थे नाइजेशन नहीं है और उनके बहुत कम नेता इस सदन में आते हैं। (व्यवधान) वह कमजोरी हम में थी। पर हमारी कमजोरियाँ पर हमने से आप का काम नहीं चलेगा। आपका काम जरा मजबूत हो कर चलने से चलेगा। अगर वही वातावरण फिर वापस आ गया तो अच्छा नहीं होगा। आज भी आप जाय ता पायेंगे कि सात दिना के अन्दर वातावरण में कितना फर्क आ गया है? रेलों में बिल्कुल ही इडिपेंडेंट आदिमियों का यह ख्याल है कि एम्प्लोयमेंट में दस परसेंट का फर्क आ गया है। मैं रेल मंत्री से निवेदन करूँगा कि वे इस बात पर विचार करें बहुत ही ईमानदार आदिमियों का यह कहना है कि दस परसेंट का लैकुना उस की बर्किंग में आ गया है। अगर यही हालत रही तो गिरते गिरते कहीं ऐसा न हो कि इस एमजेंसी में जो गेन्स हुए उन को भी आप छो बैठें और देश का नुकसान हो। यह मेरी आपको बार्निंग है। इस पर आपको कितना गौर करना है इसका फैसला तो आपको ही करना है। चूँकि समय की कमी है और मैं आपको आज्ञा को मानने वाला हूँ इसलिए आगे जब बजट आयेगा या दूसरी नई चीजें आयेंगी तब और विचार प्रकट करूँगा खुलकर अपने विचारों को इस सदन के सामने रखूँगा। अभी आपने मुझे बालन का अवसर दिया उसने लिए मैं आपका धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय श्री बलवीर सिंह।

श्री राम नरेश कुत्याहा (मलेमपुर)
उपाध्यक्ष महोदय आपने शकशर को स्वयं

[धार म नरेग कुजव हा]

बहा था कि मेरा नम्बर आया है, मुझे समय मिलेगा।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय मुझे तो जो लिस्ट मिलती है उसी के हिसाब से पुकारता हूँ। आप अपनी पार्टी के ह्विप से बात कर लें। आपको पता है उस दिन श्री राज नारायण बंड घण्टा बोले।

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा उनके बोलने के बाद आपने कहा था।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय उनके बोलने के बाद तो नान-आफिशियल डिश्नेस शुरू हो गया था।

श्रीधरी बलवीर सिंह (होशियारपुर) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, जनता पार्टी का सूरज निकल आया और उल्टू को अगर नजर नहीं आता तो जनता पार्टी के सूरज का क्या कमूर है? मैं तो अपने स्वास्थ्य मंत्री से कहूँ कि हमारे जो विरोधी पक्ष के नेता हैं उनकी आंखों में फिर है, उनकी आंखों का इलाज करवाये क्योंकि उनकी जनता पार्टी एक जानवर नजर आती है। अगर यह पता चल जाये कि उनकी नजर में फिर नहीं है तो फिर उन्हें मेंटल हास्पिटल में भेजें क्योंकि दिमागी खराबी से ही किसी को आदमी जानवर नजर आता है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, बीस महीने की कहानी, तीस साल की कहानी और दस साल की कहानी—यह तीन भलग भलग कहानियाँ हैं। बीस महीने की कहानी में क्या-क्या हुआ है? श्री लखन पात्र जो चण्डीगढ़ में बार कोसिन के चेयरमैन थे, उनका क्या कुसूर था? श्री जय प्रकाश नारायण के भाई उनके पास पहुँचे, वे श्री जय प्रकाश जी से मिलना चाहते थे। वे उनकी अपनी बार में बकराये थे, उनकी वापिस ले कर आये और वे खुद मरे नहीं। पुलिस उन्हें ले गई और अखिर जब वे मरने के करीब

हूँ तो उनको पी जी आई में भेज दिया गया। उनकी बीबी को फोन गया कि आप लखन पाल को घर ले जाइये। पी जी आई में जब लखन पाल की बीबी पहुँची तो उनकी लाश लेकर घर गई। यह निस्सा सिर्फ एक आदमी का नती है। यहाँ पर श्री प्राणनाथ एडवोकेट थे, उनका क्या कुसूर था? उनका कुसूर यह था कि जो पहले प्रधान मंत्री थी, श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी उनका जो बेस चल रहा था उसमें वे श्री शशि भूषण के साथ, जो भव मिनिस्टर हैं, एडवोकेट थे। उनके घर पर छापा मारा गया, उनके बीबी बच्चों को तग किया गया और उनका सारा सामान उठाकर पुलिस ले गई जो कि आज भी किसी जगह रखा हुआ है और मट रहा है। श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी ने 18 जनवरी को जब एलान किया उसके बहुत बाद 7-8 फरवरी तक उनको छोड़ा गया। अखिर, क्या कुसूर था उनका?

मेरा अपना भी थोड़ा सा किस्सा है। मैं डी ए बी कालेज की मैनेजिंग कमेटी का प्रधान था। मुझे 26 जून, 1975 को पकड़ा गया। मेरे बाद मेरे सीनियर वाइस प्रेजिडेंट, श्री जयराम दास को पुलिस में बुलाया गया। उनका हैरसमेट हुआ, उनको टॉल टॉवर लिया गया। चार घंटे के बाद उन्हें कहा गया कि आपको मीसा में गिरफ्तार लिया जायेगा नहीं तो आप दस घन करें कि आप कमेटी को दिल्ली वालों के मुँह भरते हैं। जब शोबारा टेलीफोन आया एस पी का तो कहा गया कि आप 24 घंटे इंतजार करें और उसके बाद जवाब दें कि इन कामकाज पर आप दस घन करेंगे या नहीं। वे घर वापिस आये तो रात उनका हार्ट पैल हो गया। यह निस्ते हैं इस देश में बीस महीने की इमर्जेन्सी के। अभी उधर के एक माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि ये एमर्जेन्सी के गैर हैं। गैर यही है कि जनता पार्टी यहाँ आ कर बँड गई है और आप को उठा कर यहाँ पटक दिया है।

जिन्होंने कहा है कि इस देश की बहुत तरक्की हो गई है। हमारे फारम-एक्मबेन्ज का वैल्यू बढ़ गया है मैं उनको यही कहना चाहता हूँ कि ये वही लोग हैं जिन को पिछले 30 साल से आप गालियाँ निकालते हैं, ब्रेन-ड्रेन हो रहा है लोग इस देश से बाहर जा रहे हैं, यह पैसा उन्हीं लोगों ने भेजा है। हमारे यहाँ डा० खुराना थे, जो इन की यूनीवर्सिटियों में गये, रिसर्च इंस्टीचूशन में गये, लेकिन किसी ने उस की परवाह नहीं की कि खुराना कौन है। भायूस हो कर वह हमरीका चले गये, उनकी नाबलिय। इस देश में किसानों को नजर नहीं आई लेकिन हमरोका ने उनकी नाबलियत का पता लगा लिया, उस को मालूम हो गया कि इन के सिर में भी दिमाग है, उन्होंने कहा रह कर खोज की और उम का यह नतीजा निकला कि उन को नोबल प्राइज मिला। उस के बाद इन को भी उन की नाबलियत का पता लग गया और ये कहने लगे कि डा० खुराना हिन्दुस्तान के हैं, एटम-बम के बाद इन्होंने दुनिया की सब से बड़ी खोज की है। डा० खुराना ने कहा कि अब मैं हिन्दुस्तान वा रहा रहा, मुझे तो धक्के देकर बाहर निकाल दिया गया था। आज इस देश में एक नहीं बने हो खुराना हैं जिन्हें मारा नहीं मिला है। मैं अपना पार्टी के नये मिनिस्टर साहब से बहूना जैसा जनता पार्टी ने अपने मनिफेस्टो में कहा है कि इस देश में हर आदमी को काम के हक मिलेगा और अगर सरकार उस को काम नहीं दे पायेगी तो उसे वैकारी एलाउन्स मिलेगा उस वायदे को जल्द से जल्द एक प्रोग्राम बना कर पूरा किया जाय।

आज हम रोज अखबारों में पढ़ते हैं कि कोई सड़का प्रोजेक्शन करने के बाद, पोस्ट-प्रेजेंटेशन बनने के बाद रेल के नीचे सिर देकर मर गया, क्योंकि इस देश में काम नहीं मिल सका इस से दिल की बहुत चोट लगती है। आज हमारे देश के सड़के बाहर के मुल्को में जा कर, इन्ड, हमरीका और

कनाडा की बात छोड़ दीजिये रेगिस्तानी मुल्को में जा कर शानदार नाम कर रहे हैं, इन्फ्रिगिया बन रहे हैं बिजल घर बन रहे हैं अस्पताल बना रहे हैं, डिबोय और तैल में जा कर मकान बना रहे हैं वे लड़के हमारे देश में भी उस काम को कर सकते हैं। हमारे मुल्क की धरती में हर चीज है। आज दुनिया में कोई मुल्क ऐसा नहीं है जहाँ हर चीज पैदा होती है लेकिन हमारे मुल्क में हर एक फल पैदा होता है सब्जी पैदा होती है, आज पैदा होता है, हर तरह के मिनरल्स हमारे देश की धरती में भरे पड़े हैं, हम उन से फायदा उठा सकते हैं, लेकिन इस देश की पिछनी हुकूमत ने दिमाग मेहनत और दोबलतीने को इकट्ठा करने में प्रयास नहीं किया इन्होंने सिर्फ अपना पेट भरने की लगातार कोशिश की, जिस का नतीजा यह हुआ कि देश गरीब होता गया। ये लोग यहाँ पर सवाल करते हैं अभी 10 दिन सरकार का बने हुए हैं ये लोग पूछते हैं कि आप ने ऐसा क्या नहीं किया, लेकिन अपने 30 सालों की बात को भूल जाते हैं। इन की 20 महीने की इमर्जेंसी के गेज या 20 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम क्या था। 8 हजार की इल्कम टैक्स की हद कर दी यह इन का प्रोग्रेसिव बंदम था, लेकिन अब अगर यह 10 हजार हो जाये तो शायद बहू ज्यादा प्रोग्रेसिव हो जायगा। इन्होंने ट्रका के नेशनल प मिट दिये, इस लिये कि उस से माल के लाने से जाने में ज्यादा तेजी आती है, लेकिन उस को भी मोमित रखा और उस में भी करप्शन की ए नई मद पैदा कर दी कि रिय को परमिट मिले और रिय को न मिले। मैं तो अपनी सरकार को यह सुझाव देना चाहूंगा कि जो भी ट्रक ठाक काम कर, उस को नेशनल परमिट दिया जाय ताकि करप्शन का नाम रास्ता खुला न पाये।

इन्होंने कहा है कि पिछले साल में इन्होंने बहुत ज्यादा एक्सापोर्ट किया है। डिप्टी स्पीकर साहब, अगर ये रिनियुड पार्टीकल बने हुए माल को एक्सापोर्ट करते तो हम बहुत

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लोगों के पास शिकायतें हैं, वे सब इन आयोगों के पास आये। जैसा कि मेरे मित्र कवरलाल जी ने कुछ व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध सदन का ध्यान दिलाया है, निश्चित रूप से कुछ व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध भी लोग के पान शिकायतें होंगी। ऐसे व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध शिकायतों को सुनने के लिए भी जांच आयोग स्थापित किया जाये। मैं यह सब किसी व्यक्ति के विरोध में या बदला लेने की भावना से नहीं कह रहा हूँ। मैं यह सब इसलिए कह रहा हूँ कि पीछे देश के अन्दर भ्रष्टाचार बहुत बढ़ा है और उसने हमारे जीवन को चाट डाला है, हमारी क्षमता को चोट पहुँचायी है। इसलिए यह आवश्यक है कि जा पाय हुआ है वह लोग व ध्यान में आए और उस पाप के निराकरण का हमारा प्रयत्न भी लागू व सामने आये। इसी दृष्टि में मैं यह आग्रह कर रहा हूँ।

उत्पाद्यक्ष महोदय, आज देश के अन्दर गरीबी की समस्या है। एक तरफ भुखमरी है और दूसरी तरफ बेरोजगारी है। मैं अपने देश के माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जो और कृषि मंत्री जी को यह कहना चाहूँगा कि देश के अन्दर जो नियोजन हो वह ग्रामीणों पर आधारित नियोजन हो। ग्राम हमारे देश के प्राण हैं, देश की अर्थ व्यवस्था ग्रामों की अर्थ व्यवस्था पर निर्भर करती है, वे ही केन्द्र बिन्दु हैं और अगर देश की 62 करोड़ जनता के लिये अन्न चाहिये तो वह गांवों से खेता से आता है, सोमा की रसामो के लिए जवान चाहिये ता वे गांवों से आते हैं। मशीनों का पत्तिया चलाने के लिए मजदूर चाहिये तो वे गांव में आते हैं। पूरा भारत गांवों में बसता है। इन धर्मशास्त्रों में बड़े बड़े गुरुओं की धर्मशास्त्रों में तो चूक गांवों में रोटी नहीं मिलती है इसलिए हम गांवों में बसेरा लेते हैं लेकिन वास्तव में भारत गुरुओं में नहीं गांवों में बसता है। यह बात मैं अपनी बुद्धि में नहीं कह रहा हूँ। पचास वर्ष पूर्व राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी ने भी कहा था कि नियोजन गांव प्रधान होना

चाहिये, ग्राम प्रधान नियोजन में अति उत्तम प्राथमिकता, अति उच्च प्राथमिकता खेती को दी जानी चाहिये। किसान को अपनी खेती के उपयोग में आने वाले जितने समय हैं, उपकरण हैं वे सब रियायती दरो से मिलने चाहिये, खाने वालों को जितना अन्न आज मिलता है उतना मिलता रहना चाहिये और जिस दम पर आज मिलता है उसमें भी सस्ते दामों पर भगर दिया जाए तो बहुत आनन्द की बात होगी और भगर ऐसा नहीं हो सकता है तो आज की कीमतों में एक नए पैसे की भी वृद्धि नहीं होनी चाहिए, एक नए पैसे की अधिकतर पर नहीं मिलना चाहिये। यह आपको करना पड़ेगा। हमारे मित्रों ने जो पाप किये हैं उनको हमें धोना पड़ेगा, प्रेतों के पापों को हमें धोना पड़ेगा और इस काम में मुझे सयता है कि उनका सहयोग भी हमें प्राप्त होगा। जिन हाथों ने पाप किये हैं उन हाथों की उगलिया तो नहीं काटी जाती हैं। लेकिन इन पापों को हमें धोना पड़ेगा।

जहाँ तक बेकारी की समस्या का सम्बन्ध है मेरा निवेदन है कि हम विवेकपूर्ण अर्थ व्यवस्था का सहारा लें, मास प्रोडक्शन कर लेकिन प्रोडक्शन वाई मसिस के सिद्धान्त को भी ध्यान में रखें। जहाँ पैदावार बढ़े वहाँ पैदा करने वाले हाथ भी बढ़ें। मैं समझता हूँ कि ग्रामों में खेती प्रधान या खेती से जोड़े हुए छोटे छोटे औद्योगिक केन्द्र स्थापित हो तो अत्युत्तम होगा। यह बहुत जरूरी है।

कुछ कर्मचारियों की छटाछट छटनी हो रही है। बेकारी इस हद तक बढ़ चुकी है कि पिछले पांच छ साल से सरकार ने उसके आकड़े ही देने बन्द कर दिए थे। इस बातसे सही आकड़ों का कुछ पता नहीं है। मोटे तौर पर 40 से 60 प्रतिशत के बीच आकड़ा दिया जाता है और बताया जाता है कि इतने लोग गरीबी के स्तर में नीचे हैं। मैं इतना ही निवेदन कर देना चाहता हूँ कि जो लोग काम पर लगे हुए हैं व काम से हट न जाएं और बीरोह पर आकर खड़े न हो जाए इसकी

व्यवस्था आपनो करनी चाहिये। देश की राजनीतिक शांति की दृष्टि से भी यह बहुत आवश्यक है। कर्तव्यपालन की दृष्टि से भी बहुत आवश्यक है कि आप इस ओर ध्यान दें। संवत् १९०० में सत्तलुज ब्यास निक प्रोजेक्ट चल रहा था। वहाँ से दस हजार कामगार छुटनी हो चुके हैं। एक बड़ा भारी ताँता चल रहा है। चीन ईम अभी तक विचाराधीन था। आज तक जा सरकार भी यह सभी काम राजनीतिक दृष्टिकोण से करती रही है। वहाँ पर तोहा फेंका हुआ है, सीमट के लिए शंड बना हुआ है। उस में सीमट है या किसी की भैंसें बंधी हुई है यह देखने का विषय है। लोगों की प्रायो में धूल झोकेने और बाजीगर की तरह से चालाकी दिखाने से काम नहीं चल सकता है। पिछली सरकार की यह एक राजनीतिक प्रवृत्ति बन गई थी, स्वभाव बन गया था और उसने मुताबिक वह सब काम करती थी। मैं समझता हूँ कि चीन ईम के काम को तत्काल हाथ में लिया जाना चाहिये। चीन ईम के जो कर्मचारी सेवा निवृत्त हो गये हैं उनको खपाने के लिए हो नहीं जरूरी है बल्कि इसलिए जरूरी है कि देश की भुखमरी की समस्या का निवारण किया जा सके। उसने लिए यह बहुत आवश्यक है। उसको प्राथमिकता दी जानी चाहिये। इस सिद्धान्त को सरकार मान चुकी है। अब केवल उसको कार्यान्वित करने का ही मकान है।

पिछले बीस बार्डस महीना में बहुत कुछ राजनीतिक कारणों से हुआ है। बोनस के सवाल को आप लें। पढ़ें हुताले भडकाई गईं। डेड सी वर्प पूर्व विश्व के धरातल पर मजदूरों के अधिकारों की रक्षा के लिये उनसे सगठन बनाने के सिद्धान्त को स्वीकार किया गया था। सगठन व्यवस्था को एक बुनियादी अधिकार स्वीकार किया गया था। सरकार ने उसको समाप्त कर दिया था। मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि जा बोनस कानून था जो वेद का था उगी का बहाल किया जाए और यह काम तत्काल होना चाहिये।

धारीवाल की मिल के ऊपर चार हजार मजदूर पिछले पच्चीस दिनों से हुताले के ऊपर बैठे हुए हैं। और उनकी समस्या बल बोनस की है। मालिक का मुनाफा बढ़ रहा है, लेकिन मजदूर को अपनी भाय के अन्दर जीना कठिन पड़ रहा है। इसलिए मेरी मांग है कि पुराने बोनस कानून को तुरन्त बहाल होना चाहिये। प्रामाण्य है कि आप मेरे द्वारा उठाई गईं तमाम चीजों का अध्ययन करने और भी प्रसमुचित कार्यवाही करेंगे। आपने चूँकि घटी बजा दी है इसलिये मैं अपने समय पर कायम रहूँगा, और यदि मुझे प्रतिश्रमण समय का हो गया हो तो मैं उसने लिए क्षमा चाहता हूँ। धन्यवाद।

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SHRI S KUNDU (Balasore) Before the Member starts, Mr Deputy Speaker, I beg to submit most respectfully that it would be very helpful if you could announce some of the names in the list so that those who are to be called will be ready. Nobody knows when his name will be called. You may please read out at least half a dozen names.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER The normal procedure in the House would have been for the Whip to submit the list and also inform the Members as to when their turn would come according to the priority in which he has given. But considering the fact that this House consists mostly of new Members there has been some dislocation, I suppose, in the functioning of the whips etc. We shall have to put up with this for a little while till the whips are elected and all that. I am receiving a number of chits from even Members whose names have not been submitted by the Whip.

SHRI S KUNDU My point was different. What I meant was.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER I understand your point. It is the duty of the Whip to inform the Members as to when their turn would come. I can-

(Mr Deputy-Speaker)

not read out the names There is no such procedure

SHRI A V P ASAITHAMBI (Madras North) I am the lone representative of the DMK I have no whip

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I know who is who You do not have to press that point.

श्री उप सेन (रिप) उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा एक व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। कल जब हमारे माननाय रामनरेश कुशवाहा खड़े हुए थे तो आपने कहा था कि कल बोलियेगा। श्रीर आज उनका नाम नहीं दे।

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER If Mr Raj Narayan had not spoken for one and a half hours we could have accommodated some more Members on that day He spoke for one and a half hours So there was no time

जो निश्चय मिनट है आपका विधि से उसी के अनुसार बुना रहा है।

श्री उप सेन हमारा हज कैसे बट जायगा।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय यहां कोट हज की बात नहीं है। आप अपना विधि से बात कर लीजिये श्रीर नाम भिजवाइय।

SHRI S KUNDU Some of the Members have been waiting for the last two or three days thinking that at any moment their names may be called To avoid this tension and also to help the Members I thought

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I will send round somebody

SHRI S KUNDU That will be fair

SHRI RAM JETHAMALANI (Bombay North West) We want to know whether the Chair is so above our request that it cannot read out that

simple list to us Is it a matter of dignity or something else?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER I do not want to read out the list An Hon. Member was just now insisting on his right because I had said that he would be called on that day If I read out the list now you will start insisting on your right, after one hour that you must be called That is not the procedure in the House Probably the hon Member does not know Therefore I cannot read out the list Maybe somebody may go round and inform the Members to be present in the House I have already said that

श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा कहना यह है कि एक बार एक सदस्य का नाम पुकार लिया गया श्रीर उसका बिना बोले ही

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय - आपका नाम बोलने के लिये पुकारा नहीं गया था।

DR HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir may I extend my felicitations and warm greetings to all my colleagues in the Sixth Lok Sabha particularly those of my colleagues who have come for the first time to this august House This election has brought a certain change in the country which is reflected in this House I see that some of my colleagues in the Fifth Lok Sabha who were in the opposition have now occupied the Treasury Benches and assumed responsibility for running this Government Of course the ministerial team is being led by one of our veteran leaders with whom I have worked in our Party for a long period I wish him and his team all success in giving proper direction to our country

Sir I should respectfully submit that I cannot fully agree with the statement made in the Address by the Vice

President acting as President that

"The election marks an important milestone in the evolution of our democratic polity into a healthy two party system"

It is common knowledge that the Congress Party had been able to provide the country in the last three decades a stable Government a Government based on the belief widely held by our compatriots that it symbolised the national aspirations bringing cohesion in the country But today to say that the last elections have helped to create a healthy—I underline the word 'healthy'—two party system is less than fair and objective As I see it it is perhaps only the beginning of the realisation of the hopes of the people that a two-party system will emerge in our country What I want to say is that the ruling side is not another party, it is a coalition of several parties with us solid political infrastructure One of the greatest achievements of the Indian National Congress when one compares that Party with any other party in any part of the world is that it has tentacles and units in almost every village of our country It may have been defeated once or twice in the polls but the fact remains that its organization and infrastructure are solid throughout the country On the other hand the various parties opposite which call themselves as Janata Party may have their representatives in the Parliament But they have not yet emerged as a party I wish success to all my colleagues on the other side in their efforts to bring cohesion by merging the various parties that go to constitute the Janata Party I shall be very happy if you could achieve that Pending that I should say that we are facing a coalition on the other side By this process you are inducting into our body politic a system of coalition government in the Centre for the first time Therefore, the statement that a healthy two party system has emerged is far from true And coming as I do from a State where we have experimented with all sorts of political

arrangements, I do not know whether that system will be helpful or not in the long run Sir, I am not least worried that I have to sit in the opposition Even from the first few months after the formation of the Kerala State my Party had to go in opposition but we never became panicky In hardly two years time we reversed the process and that Party which came to power in 1957 was routed by the people Hardly thirty of their MLAs in a House of 133 Members came back to the Legislature This is now a recurring of political process in Kerala As everyone knows, representatives of every major party became Chief Ministers in Kerala We acknowledge it as a part of the democratic process in Kerala So, I am least surprised by the recent turn of events at the centre I would, therefore like to say that that statement is not objective and I wish that statement were not made

When the euphoric mood of my friends on the other side withers away and when the ruling party comes to grip with the realities of the political situation, I have no doubt in my mind that they will have fresh thinking on the system they have now brought into our body politic whether the coalition pattern is suited to our country or whether it will ensure to the credit of our great country which has complex and diverse problems considering its multi-lingual, multi racial, multi religious composition I think a lot is said about the undoing of what the previous regime has done It is perhaps quite natural for a victorious party with a thumping majority to try to undo certain decisions of the previous regime But even as you think that you should undo certain so-called alleged wrongs of the previous regime I think it is incumbent on the ruling party to examine whether the previous government has not done any good to the country and whether it is not their responsibility to continue the good works that the previous

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had done during the last 11 years or more

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SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Jaipur)
Whatever is not undone you consider that it is good

DR HENRY AUSTIN If you think that anything is not good, you remove it. But you should justify it to the country and the public opinion as well.

Nobody can deny the fact that the country had acquired a certain modicum of self reliance, self discipline and self confidence during the last 10 years or more or even during the emergency. I do not hold a brief for the emergency or the excesses during the emergency. But nobody can deny the fact that the country faced a certain situation on the eve of the imposition of emergency that even some detractors of the previous regime felt rather grave.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai)
Don't say that. It was only to save the skin of one person that you imposed the emergency, nothing else.

DR HENRY AUSTIN My good hon friend has the liberty to hold a different view. But I say that certain serious conditions obtained in our country which even my friends from the other side would not wholly deny.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA When you try to defend emergency at least remember that millions of people suffered and you got the result of it and you still have the check to defend emergency. It is very strange. You call the Janata Party a strange animal and you are the strangest animal. Otherwise you could not have the check to defend emergency.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Let him have his say. You can have yours.

DR. HENRY AUSTIN I sympathise with the sufferings of esteemed friend who has gone through and I admire his courage and the restraint he has shown. I raise my hat in admiration.

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH You have no hat.

DR HENRY AUSTIN There might have been excesses and there might have been cruelties but the fact that certain grave conditions existed in the country at that time should not be lost sight of. That is all I wanted to say.

AN HON MEMBER It was in the imagination of your former Prime Minister.

DR HENRY AUSTIN What I say is that in the heat of our excitement we should not forget that our country perhaps needed a strong leadership at that time. There may be excesses. We may look into it later.

Whatever one might say, whatever the detractors of the Congress regime might say, I would like to point out that we have done some good and that good should be continued. Can the Janata Party or the detractors of our government say that millions of our poor farm hands and landless people were given land just as a political stunt?

May I continue after lunch?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Your time is already over. You have to wind up now.

DR. HENRY AUSTIN Therefore I would only like to say that even as we try to expose or criticise some persons and actions, we may also consider the positive aspects of the Congress government and try to continue whatever good there is according to them.

Our country needs a certain bipartisanism in constructive work in the development work and I am sure there are leaders in the ruling party who can rise up to that, and clasp the hand of cooperation offered by the opposition for the good of the country.

I will take one more minute and finish. There has been an emphasis in the Address on rural reconstruction. I think that it is vital for the development of our country. I would say that

there are ample opportunities for developing our country particularly on the rural side. I am glad that there will be added emphasis on developmental work in the rural sector. I would like to say that the vast unutilised labour in our country should be tapped and used for a massive Rural Reconstruction Programme giving at least a ray of hope to all the rural poor.

13 06 hrs

The Lok Sabha adjourned for lunch till Fourteen of the Clock

The Lok Sabha reassembled after lunch at three minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[MR DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE ADDRESS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT—
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SHRI RAM JETHMALANI (Bombay North-West) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir I have got amendments Nos 124 to 133 tabled in my name. I would submit with great humility that I am almost an unknown back-bencher. In all humility and very respectfully but firmly I wish to record my protest against the manner in which time is allocated for the speeches on this Motion of Thanks. The Mover took one hour. The Seconder took 55 minutes. Thereafter almost everybody who spoke has taken as much time as he wanted. And suddenly we have been told of the decision that no speaker will be allowed more than 5 or 10 minutes. And today we have been told that it has been curtailed to 7 minutes. May I say Sir that Motion of Thanks and its amendments are matters of great importance in the life of a Parliament. They are matters of greatest importance to back-benchers particularly. The scope of the Motion of Thanks is supposed to be the entire administration. If a Member has to

exercise his parliamentary right how is it possible for any member to restrict his comments to 5 minutes or minutes? I have tabled 10 amendments. If I were just to take 30 seconds on each it will take about 5 minutes. Do you expect any serious submission to be made during this little time that has been allotted?

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER You have already taken a few minutes.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Mr Deputy-Speaker Sir I would rather not speak but I do wish to suggest this that in England thirty-five hours minimum is devoted to the motion of Thanks. England is a much smaller country than ours. Besides in England there is greater respect for the rules of relevance than in this House. If you are allocating this much time I suggest that you have a talk with the Leaders of the ruling party and the Opposition and then extend this session so that everybody has an opportunity to speak on the Motion of Thanks which is undeniably of great importance.

The second point on which I wish to make my preliminary comments is the manner in which the proceedings of this House are being conducted. Sir this Janata Party is a majority party in this House and I wish to say something first to my party and then to the members of the Opposition. It is true that thumping of tables and interruptions of the speeches are a part of Parliamentary life. But it is my regret that instead of their being a part they are beginning to become the whole of our Parliamentary life. And we who are new to this House must confess that it is impossible even sometimes to follow the proceedings of this House and therefore I would request particularly my party colleagues on this side to see that the proceedings are conducted with a tremendous amount of dignity because the whole world is watching this Parliament and the whole world

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is watching the performance of the majority party to-day. May I say this that I am convinced of the fact that our parliamentary manners are any day superior to those of many others. But we have to demonstrate to the world that they in fact are so and therefore may I request both sides of the House that the speeches must not be interrupted as far as possible? I can understand when a Member is delivering a punch-line of his speech if somebody who is emotionally upset indulges in that kind of behaviour. But if there has to be a reasoned argument to persuade of the other side the speeches must be listened to with great respect and attention.

Then Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I shall proceed to deal with the various amendments. It is unusual for a member of the ruling party to move amendments to the Motion of Thanks. But it is also a recognised convention that the back benchers have always the right to move amendments and in exercise of that right as a back bencher I am moving these amendments. But, let me make it clear at the same time that I am doing so more with a view to make some constructive suggestions to my own Government. Let not the Opposition—those distinguished gentlemen sitting opposite—not run away with the misconception that I am condoning the crimes which have been committed by the Opposition party—the ruling party during the last few years that they were in office. In fact the purpose of my intervention in this debate is to tell my Government that the speed and haste with which this Government has been formed and the business of this House has to be attended to it is not sufficiently alive to the dangers to our ten day old democracy.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr Jethmalani I am told now that the time for moving the amendments was announced by the Chair and it

was over on 31st. So the time for moving your amendments is now over. You can however speak on your amendments.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI The amendments were not moved but they were taken as moved and accepted.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Did you move the amendments?

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI You were not there in the Chair.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The Secretariat tells me that you were not there then.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI It was not necessary to formally move the amendments. But they were taken as moved.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER No. Was that the understanding?

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, if I receive suitable assurances from my own Government that the matters which I am going to raise will be considered hereafter I shall not persist with my amendments and I shall withdraw them.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr. Jethmalani I am sorry to interrupt you. The Speaker made this announcement on 31st to the hon. Members. If hon. Members wish to move amendments to the Motion of Thanks that have been circulated they may if they so desire to move amendments send slips to the table within fifteen minutes indicating the serial numbers of the amendments they would like to move. These amendments will be treated as moved. It seems your slip never came. That is what they say.

Anyway you may speak on the amendments.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Sometimes we are unable to follow what is happening here. It may be possible.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir the first amendment that I wish to move was

"That the House regrets that the Address has not dealt with immediate steps to restore judicial independence and integrity in particular by neutralising Judges who have played an unjudicial role in supporting the Emergency and those who were trying to destroy Indian democracy"

It is well to recall Sir that in 1971 the Ruling Party started the theory of 'committed judiciary in the country'. We who knew the dangers of a 'committed judiciary' realised at that time that the ruling Party had decided to become the only Party in the country and to destroy democracy and the rule of law because an independent judge and an honest judge is ultimately of use to the underdog to the weak and to the Opposition and never to the ruling Party and therefore when they talked of a 'committed judiciary' we knew that by the inexorable electoral process they had no intention of ever becoming the Opposition in the country and that is why they wanted a 'committed judiciary'. We started our fight against this. We started a national debate. But in 1973 you will recall that a Chief Justice was inducted into office by superseding three senior Judges of the Supreme Court. Judges to whom ultimately monuments will have to be erected some day in this country to honour their memory to preserve their memory and I think the people of this country will have to worship those Judges who were superseded. You will recall that the Chief Justice was created by a person who was a potential litigant in the Supreme Court. At that time the Prime Minister's matter was pending before the High Court and it was on the cards that some day the matter will end up in the Supreme Court. We protested that no future litigant in the Supreme Court has a right to tinker with the constitution of that court before which

the matter of that litigant was going to appear and it came to be true, it proved to be prophetic.

The Chief Justice presided over the hearing of the appeal filed by the very person who had inducted that Chief Justice into office.

Sir Article 121 of the Constitution prevents me from going into the conduct of a judge in the discharge of his duty. I can only recall events. In April 1976 may we recall that the Supreme Court delivered a judgment. To my mind the judgment delivered was such that any judge must feel ashamed before he puts his signature upon it. Did it do so? At the order of detention however mala fide however malicious and however corrupt cannot be challenged before a court of law so long as the Emergency was in force.

At this point Mr Deputy Speaker I wish to digress a bit. Our High Commissioner in London Mr B. K. Nehru in a signed article on the 12th of January this year only six days before the elections were announced published in *The London Times* called the Keshavananda Bharati judgment of the Supreme Court an 'infamous judgment'. The Keshavananda Bharati judgment was a judgment which merely said that the Parliament by its majority cannot convert India's democracy into a monarchy cannot destroy democracy and substitute a dictatorship. This simple judgment this great judgment this historic judgment of the Supreme Court was characterised by Mrs Gandhi's High Commissioner in London in a signed article as an 'infamous judgment'. I wish to ask: When has it become permissible for our diplomatic representatives in foreign countries to abuse our Supreme Court judges and criticise judgments intemperately delivered by the Supreme Court? This gentleman ought to be recalled forthwith. This gentleman has harassed every patriotic Indian residing in London and he is the author of that document, the dictatorship of

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which is now being disowned by the then ruling Party a document which was circulated throughout the country in the form of Draft constitutional proposals. Those constitutional proposals when they were seriously debated by the country and condemned all over the country were dropped and today even their authorship is denied. But the world knows that Mr Nehru was the author of those constitutional proposals. They were quite disgraceful. The Prime Minister of the country was to be the head of Indian judiciary under those proposals. This Mr Nehru ought to be publicly condemned and the least that the government ought to do is that he must be made to face an enquiry.

While judges in this country were being transferred for extraneous reasons the Gujarat High Court held that the President's order of transfer of a Gujarat Judge was a *malafide* order—in a signed article again he told the British public that no judge had been transferred in India except two judges and both those judges had been transferred because they were to be promoted as Chief Justices in other High Courts. When I went to London my friends brought this to my notice and told me this is that the British High Commissioner has stated I had to write an article in the Guardian of London pointing out that 35 Judges had been transferred. I gave their names and the High Courts from which they were transferred. I told the High Commissioner that he was lying in writing to the British public. After that the High Commissioner had no had the moral courage to go before the British public and set the record right. This is another charge against this High Commissioner he ought to be recalled for having lied to the British public.

There is not one leader of this country—I am not talking of those leaders in the opposition, I am talking of the great patriots of this country who had been in jail and who

suffered for the cause of the Indian independence movement for the last 19 months—who has not been malign-ed by this High Commissioner either on television or on radio or in the Press or through public interviews and I think he deserves some punishment for that.

I say that the most historic judgment which the Supreme Court has ever delivered is the Keshavanand judgment which says that you cannot convert democracy into a dictatorship. High Commissioner has no adverse comment against the judgment delivered by the present Chief Justice in which he holds that you can shoot down a detenu or a prisoner, starve him to death or put him on an ice pack and subject him to third degree methods. Presumably he considers this judgment good and famous.

Let me say that this last judgment was delivered after the elections were announced in this country. Elections were announced on 18th January. I heard the News in New York, I said it publicly that the test of Mrs. Gandhi's so called democracy is about to arrive in the next three or four days. Justice Khanna has now to become Chief Justice of this country if Mrs. Gandhi has got the lamp of democracy rekindled in her heart, she is not going to interfere in this matter but will allow the judiciary to remain intact. Within four days Mrs. Gandhi's government failed that test she again interfered with judicial promotions she again tinkered with the Supreme Court and appointed a person as Chief Justice by way of reward for a bad and cruel judgment.

I wish to say to this House that the independence of the judiciary and the purity of the fountain of justice can never be restored as long as this Chief Justice continues to occupy that position. This government will not stoop to removing a judge from office. But let me say that the government

must make it clear to the Chief Justice that he is an unwelcome occupant of the chair and the sooner he goes, the sooner he will please the government and the people of this country. If after this statement formally and publicly made he continues to remain in office let him do so we will have cleared our conscience and done our duty by the judiciary of India and we shall have carried out the pledge which we have made in the manifesto that restoration of judicial independence shall be one of its chief items.

During the period of emergency the Congress Government has transferred judges for extraneous reasons and those judges must forthwith be recalled to their original homes from which they were shifted to punish them for delivering judgements against the government. I can recall Justice Lalit of the Bombay High Court who had the moral courage to release an RSS prisoner charged under the Defence of India Rules on bail. In doing so he did not lay down a new proposition of law he followed the ruling of the Division Bench of that High Court which was binding upon him. When he released that RSS person on bail the Government of the day saw to it that he was confirmed after two years and today that man is no more a Judge of the High Court. He is practising in the Supreme Court. And we cannot set right the judiciary and the judicial tone unless we recall such great and patriotic judges and offer them fresh judicial appointments.

SHRI C M STEPHEN (Idukki)
Sir, I have a point of order. I will only invite your attention to Article 121 of the Constitution. Article 121 of the Constitution states as follows:

'121 No discussion shall take place in Parliament with respect to the conduct of any Judge of the Supreme Court or of a High Court in the discharge of his duties except upon a motion for presenting an address to the President praying

for the removal of the Judge as hereinafter provided."

Now a reference is being made to the Judge of the Supreme Court, to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, specifically referring to their conduct in the discharge of their duties and even going to the extent of saying that unless those judges are removed, ends of justice will not be met. This is gross violation of the Article 121 of the Constitution and I will pray that these observations may not form part of the debate.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Article 121 talks of the judge in the discharge of his duty. When Mr Justice Beg, appeared on the TV of this country and proclaimed that the Emergency was good and that it had produced beneficial results he was not discharging his duties.

SHRI C M STEPHEN He was making a reference to what was stated in the TV which referred to the conduct of the Supreme Court Judge sitting as a judge there.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER He has already accepted it.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Then four days after the announcement of Elections, he became the Chief Justice (Interruptions)

श्री भानू कुमार शास्त्री (उदयपुर) .
जिस समय गोखले साहब सुप्रीम कोर्ट के जजो तब वो घमस्विया दे रहे थे उस समय तो बोले नही मैजिस्ट्रेट घाज जब सच्ची बात कही जा रही है तो उसको घाय मुनने के लिए तैयार नहीं है (व्यंग्य)

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Taking advantage of the Emergency, the ruling party destroyed the independence of the Bar. It is well known and it is a fact which is recognised the world over,—I am talking of the free world—that the Bar of this country has played the most glorious role in

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India's freedom And therefore Mrs Gandhi's Government knowing that the only obstacle which stood in the way of establishing her dynastic rule in this country was an independent and fearless Bar She set out on a course calculated to destroy the independence and fearlessness of the Bar taking advantage of the Emergency taking advantage of the fact that they had tyrannised their colleagues in Parliament taking advantage that there was no Opposition left rushed through Parliament amendments to the Advocates Act The Advocates Act has been passed on the recommendation of the Law Commission of India which recognised the autonomy of the Bar with total independence even from the judiciary of the country The amendments which were made during the Emergency inflicted and foisted a nominated Chairman upon the Bar Council of India The Attorney General became the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Bar Council of India in place of an elected Chairman Sir I have had the honour of being for six years the elected Chairman of the Bar Council of India and while I was abroad they did not elect another Chairman because they did not have the courage to elect another Chairman They knew that the Bar was so independent that they would not select another person in my place, then they went to Parliament and prostituted the parliamentary process by passing these amendments and imposing the Attorney General upon the Bar of this country at the Central level and at the State level they imposed Advocate-General as the Chairman of the State Bar Councils You will be amazed that in the Delhi Bar Council where there is no Advocate-General, there was a very extraordinary provision made The extraordinary provision was that a nominee of the Central Government shall become the Chairman The nominee could only be a nominee of the Law Minister It is well known that during the emergency if there

was one member of the bar who had disgraced the robes of the profession it was Mr Lalit Bhasin who had been at one time Chairman of the Delhi Bar Council Mr Gokhale saw to it that he became the nominated Chairman of the Delhi Bar Council after it had passed a no-confidence motion against him So my second amendment says that steps must be taken to reveal the amendments to the Advocates Act which had been made during the emergency and we must restore the elected office of the Chairman of the Bar Council of India as well as the Chairman of the State Bar Councils That is the only way the autonomy and independence and fearlessness of the Bar can again be restored to their pristine glory

My third amendment refers to the role of the Attorney General of India in destroying an independent bar He has fortunately resigned and therefore I do not wish to make any comments upon what he has done to destroy the independence of the bar But I would like to say that in selecting our future Attorney Generals we must adopt some criteria One criterion is that apart from his ability to stay in that office other things being equal we must appoint people who during the emergency had the moral courage to go to the people and say

We must fight the emergency We consider emergency to be an unmitigated evil and we are wedded to the Constitution of India" Only such persons should be appointed to high legal offices and not others who did not have the moral courage to open their mouth whatever might have been their inner feelings which they might have disclosed in private to their close friends

My fourth amendment deals with the anomaly of continuing to keep under detention without trial persons who are alleged to have committed some crime but which has not been proved This is contrary to the basic concept of the rule of law Though we have released persons detained

under MISA there is another hated law on our statute book. Freedom, Sir is in grave danger when an evil law is applied for a beneficent purpose because the human mind gets attuned to the evil and does not resist the insidious and slow encroachment on liberty. COFEPOSA is a law which has been made ostensibly for the purpose of detaining smugglers. Detention without trial of any person who is not proved to be guilty is an evil. The Supreme Court—before Mrs. Gandhi interfered with it—has laid down time and again that the rule of law ends where detention without trial begins. They said it not only in the case of political prisoners but also in the case of other offenders. There is a fallacy involved in the argument that we are dealing with smugglers. You are dealing with only those who are alleged to be smugglers. It has not been proved that they are smugglers. I will give you two glaring misuses of the law. In Punjab an opposition Akali leader was detained under COFEPOSA merely because he was the political opponent of the Chief Minister of the State. Let me tell you something more which will shock you. While Haji Mastan was in jail the Director of Revenue Intelligence sought an interview with him in jail. This is on Sessions Court record and I have said it in public meetings. Nobody has denied it. The Director of Revenue Intelligence sought an interview with him not for interrogating him but for recording of his statement in which he was expected to implicate the present Prime Minister of this country in act of smuggling. When I cross-examined the Director of Revenue Intelligence in court, he admitted that he had gone to meet Haji Mastan to record his statement in which he was expected to implicate Morarji bhai in smuggling. But the only divergence between Haji Mastan and the Director was that while Haji Mastan said that he came on his own the Director of Revenue Intelligence said that Haji Mastan had invited him. On a point on which there is difference of opinion between Haji

Mastan and the Director of Revenue Intelligence I will accept what the Director of Revenue Intelligence says. But kindly apply your mind and I want the House to apply its mind. I want those gentlemen opposite to apply their mind as to how this COFEPOSA has been mis-applied and is capable of being mis-applied in future. You can haul up any political opponent.

A further paradox of continuing detention without trial of these persons is that most of the big fishes have now been let off and only small ones against whom there was no allegation that the emergency was being misused or that it was necessary to detain them for the purpose of dealing with the emergency are rotting in custody for the last so many years. I want to appeal to my Government that this is an evil institution and this evil institution must go. As a result of this evil institution all civilised investigation has come to an end in the country. Nobody wants to investigate crime today. A secret intelligence report is enough to lock up anybody. It is not necessary to do anything further in the matter. No investigation is done and no witnesses are called. In the interest of improving our investigating machinery I want that these detentions without trial should go and people should now be hauled up in regular courts according to the civilised methods of criminal law which are known to the civilised jurisprudence of this country.

The next amendment is of very great importance but I am going to drop it. I go to Amendment No. 129 which says but regret that the Address has not dealt with the urgent need to define by law the privileges of legislatures and to prevent legislative despotism. I hope you will recall that some time in 1961 or '65 there was a serious dispute between the UP Vidhan Sabha and the Judges of the Allahabad High Court. You will recall that a journalist was imprisoned for contempt of the House.

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The journalist engaged an advocate and went to the Allahabad High Court and two judges entertained his petition. When the UP Vidhan Sabha came to know about this they issued warrants of arrests against those two *judges of the Allahabad High Court*. This is legislative despotism and I appeal to the Janata Government majority party that restraint should be put on the majority itself. Our whole Constitution is based on the theory that sometimes even the majority can go mad as in 1975 the majority had gone mad. We can go mad again. The afore I want the majority to be restrained.

The article of the Constitution says that the privileges of the Parliament shall be such as shall be defined by law. We should now define those privileges by law and we should not leave them in undifferentiated amorphous and vague form that they shall be such as are enjoyed by the British House of Commons on coming into force of the Indian Constitution.

I am sorry that the leader of the opposition is not here. He said the other day that he stands by the 42nd Amendment. I wonder whether he has read that amendment. One of the provisions in the 42nd amendment apart from the fact that it is an outrageous piece of draftsmanship is that the privileges of Parliament shall hereafter be such as the Parliament may evolve. In other words on any occasion the privilege of Parliament shall be such as the Parliament says they are. The mischievous provision is that the Parliament is now retaining to itself the power to arrest judges of this country, a power which was claimed by the Vidhan Sabha in 1964. At that time, there was an outcry throughout the country that the Parliament must sit down and define its own privileges. If the Janata Party does not do it then nobody is going to do it. It will be the first duty of the Janata Party to fulfil its promise of restoring the balance between the people and the judges.

people and the Parliament and the Parliament and the judges. This is an urgent step which has got to be taken.

Now I will take up the last amendment which concerns our foreign policy. In our democracy, the Leader of the Opposition occupies a very important position. In fact, he is supposed to have a lot of weight and it is a matter for everyone to see that our Leader of the Opposition does carry a lot of weight. I do not, therefore, blame him for having valued the President's Address in terms of its weight, because he told the House in his address that it is a very light document. Let me remind him that the most expensive and the most priceless things in the world are those which are extremely light. Weight does not necessarily add to the value of a document. Though the President's Address is light, it incorporates the entire 23 page manifesto of the party because it says that the Government is pledged to carry out the promises made in the manifesto.

One promise in the manifesto which unfortunately finds either no or inadequate mention in the President's Address is the very astounding, very courageous and very historic statement where it says that this country and its government shall not only preserve human rights but shall denounce the violation of human rights not only in this country but whenever and wherever they occur. Now, this is really an amplification of the pledge which we have made that hereafter our non-alignment is going to be genuine non-alignment. It is not going to be spurious non-alignment, which has been started in this country after 1953. Nobody can be no aligned. If somebody says "I am going to have unaligned non-alignment", it is unalloyed nonsense and nothing less. We have got to be aligned to some extent. The experience of the last 18th months has shown that if democracy has been restored in this country, it is partly as a result of the pressures generated by democracies abroad, and that debt of gratitude we cannot forget to external

democracies, let us make it clear.. (interruptions) If you wish to educate yourself, please listen, because you have started your acquaintance with democracy only ten days ago

DR HENRY AUSTIN Sir, on a point of order In the President's Address and also in the various statements by the Prime Minister, it was stated that we will have genuine non-alignment How does this hon Member state that it should be alloyed non-alignment?

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Genuine does not mean unalloyed Sir, my charge against the previous government is, that during the regime of Shri Chavan our foreign policy has neither been based on international law, nor has it been based on international morality, nor has it been based on national interest, nor has it been based even upon national self-respect All the four pillars of foreign policy have been ignominiously ignored by the ruling party and I want my Government to avoid these pitfalls

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER He has taken half an hour. He should conclude now.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Sir, I shall bow to your ruling But, let me say this, at least for the future, that when you are allocating time for the discussion on the Motion of Thanks, please be a little more reasonable. I have not come here to listen to Ramayana and Mahabharata

श्री जगदम्बो प्रसाद यादव (गोडा) :
मान ए पापद पाप घाईर । किसी भी सदस्य
वा यह कहना आवश्यकनवन है कि यहाँ
रामायण या महाभारत सुनने के लिए नहीं
आया है । ऐसे शब्द नहीं कहने चाहिए ।

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: It is my intellectual freedom which I have exercised

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER His time is up I am calling the next speaker.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Sir, I am resuming my seat in obedience to your ruling, even though I have many more points to deal with

SHRI P K. KODIYAN (Adoor) Though there was little time for the new Government to formulate their policies, I should say that the President's Address should have given some indication of the direction in which the new Government wants to develop the economy of our economy But the Government's Address does not indicate any solutions for some of the pressing problems of our country

The President's Address gives importance, rather high priority, to the rural economy in the whole scheme of the economic development of our country Nobody can have any objection to that but I want to point out here that some of the very basic issues that affect the agrarian economy and the whole lot of our peasants agricultural workers and the toiling masses in the rural areas, like the structural reform of the agrarian economy, have been completely ignored in the Address. I am referring to the urgency of implementing the land reform laws for which the cultivators, tenants and other toiling people of the rural areas have been agitating for the last so many years.

In this connection I have to refer to some of the pronouncements of the top leaders of the Janata Party including the present Prime Minister, during the election campaign that if the Janata Party was returned to power it would take away the Ninth Schedule from the Constitution. The Ninth Schedule gives constitutional protection to land reform laws, aimed at bringing about fundamental socio-economic changes, passed by this Parliament or the State Legislatures The implication of its withdrawal is that millions of peasants who have got occupation rights over their lands and also landless people who have been given land as a result of land reform measures will be drag-

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ged to the law courts and subjected to litigation. The result will be that these poor people who do not have sufficient beneficial capacity or resources to fight in the law courts will lose their land. There on these pronouncements of the Jan. Party leaders during the election campaign together with the total absence of any reference in the Address to the basic issue of structural reform in the agrarian economy creates apprehensions in the minds of the millions of peasants and agricultural workers of our country that the Janata Party is not at all interested in carrying forward this basic reform which requires the co-operation of all the political parties in this country and all those who are interested in the welfare of the agricultural workers and other sections of toiling people in the rural areas.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the mover of the Motion of Thanks to the President for his Address, Shri Karpoori Thakur had made a reference to the inadequate progress that was made during the Congress regime, during the previous regime in implementing land reform measures. He gave some figures also. He did not express further what the new Government will do or his party would do in order to complete the process of land reforms.

The question of implementation of the land reforms and other items of the 20-point programme were announced during the emergency by the former Prime Minister. I know that the 20-point programme is being pushed by the hon. Members in the Treasury Bench. But you cannot push some of the measures included in the programme for the benefit of the rural poor. Instead of the 20-point programme you may give it some other name, but some of the items which were included in the 20-point programme like the minimum wages for agricultural workers, debt relief for poor peasants, agricultural workers, adivasis, Harijans and also the abolition of bonded labour, and such other

measures which were meant to protect the weaker sections of our people have to be pushed forward and implemented. If you are sincere in your profession of love and sympathy for the weaker sections and want to serve them then it is your duty and the duty of every section of this House to carry forward the implementation of those measures which are included in the 20-point economic programme which were meant for the upliftment of the poor sections of the country.

I would like to point out that the President's Address does not give any indication in what manner the new Government would be going to hold the price line. This is a point on which the entire working people are very much agitated. The price line can be held only if there is a country-wide public distribution system through which essential commodities can be distributed to the people at cheaper rates. But I want to point out here that the public distribution system as it is existing today in our country is quite inadequate. The total number of fair price shops that are now existing in our country will serve only 45 million people out of 600 million people of our country. Only in Kerala there is a State-wide public distribution system. In Maharashtra and West Bengal, certain areas have been brought under statutory rationing system. But, taking the country as a whole, the public distribution system at present is quite inadequate. Without building up a country-wide public distribution system which would effectively serve the common people you cannot hold the price line.

Another point which I want to mention in connection with the holding of price line is the question of producing enough consumer goods in the public sector, not to leave it to the private sector because we have seen how the private sector was behaving in the matter of producing consumer goods. For example, take the question of production of controlled cloth for the com-

mon people. As far as the mill-owners are concerned whatever allocation was made they failed to produce the allotted quota of controlled cloth. Therefore I want to stress this point that the Government should come forward and start consumer industries in the State sector so that Government will be in a position to have enough consumer goods for proper distribution among the people.

I also fail to understand what is the policy of the new Government in regard to industrial development. I know the hon Finance Minister while introducing the Budget said that the Budget did not represent the philosophy or the policy or the programmes of the new Government. I do not know what is their philosophy. So far as he is concerned he was a member of the Swatantra Party and his philosophy was that of free enterprise, the freedom to amass wealth for those who are engaged in the industrial and business sector, the freedom for the workers to be exploited, the freedom for the poor people like agricultural workers who are very much suffering from unemployment and under-employment and low wages to starve. If that is the philosophy that this new Government is going to follow then I should say not only our economy will suffer but the concentration of economic power in the hands of a few will continue. The result will be that the disparity of income amongst different sections of the people will go on increasing. Therefore I would request the new Government to consider the question of development of the economy as a whole taking into account the respective roles of the public sector and the private sector in the development of the economy.

The public sector has to be further strengthened. But in their manifesto they have said that there will be no further expansion of the public sector. The public sector has grown into a powerful economic factor in the development of our economy. Its enormous potential can be used for self reliance

and proper development of the economy, for curbing the further growth of monopoly and for controlling market mechanism through entering into the production and distribution of essential commodities in a big way. I would urge upon the hon Finance Minister and also the hon Prime Minister to consider this question seriously.

The previous speaker referred to the foreign policy. He said that new Government will be following a genuine non alignment policy. I do not know what he means by genuine non alignment policy. Is it to remain simply or completely neutral when the imperialist powers are trying to sabotage and bring under subjugation economically backward and otherwise newly independent countries? Is it to remain neutral when in the Indian Ocean area military bases are being set up by the Americans and Britishers?

AN HON MEMBER: Soviets also

SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: The Soviets have denied that they have any military base in the Indian Ocean or they have any intention to set up any such base. For what purpose are the Americans building Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean? So much money is being spent. For what purpose are they dumping military hardware in the Persian Gulf area? According to a report about half of the military aid that has come from the United States in the last three years has gone to the Persian Gulf area. The independence and security of countries around the Indian Ocean are being threatened by the continuous military build up and setting up of military bases by the American imperialists. Therefore if you want to serve the interests of the country then our foreign policy will have to be a dynamic one which would firmly oppose such threats. Our country will have to follow a policy of non alignment with its solid support to the people fighting for national liberation and to the people fighting against racism in South Africa, Namibia

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and her citadels of colonialism and racism in the African Continent. Please in the name of genuineness of non-alignment policy, don't bring down the image of India. India has today a respectable position in the World, and in the comit of nations and its opinions are heard with respect in world Councils. We have acquired this position because we have in consistence with the principle behind our national freedom struggle, firmly stood by the side of the people who are fighting for freedom, we have stood consistently for world peace and we have consistently stood against military alliances and deliberate attempts to create tension in the international sphere. Therefore I think it will be for the good of country and the people and for India's good name that the new Government follows a policy of non-alignment with support for those fighting against imperialism, neo-colonialism and racism and for those fighting for peace and national liberation.

With these words I conclude

श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण नायक (बम्बई) :

माननीय उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय उप-राष्ट्रपति जी द्वारा दिये गये भाषण पर जो माननीय सदस्य श्री कर्पूरी ठाकुर ने कृतज्ञता ज्ञान पेश किया है, मैं उस का समर्थन करने के लिए खड़ा हुमा हूँ।

मैं आप के माध्यम से इस सदन में अपने कुछ विचार प्रकट करना चाहता हूँ। अभी मैंने सुना कि माननीय राधो पक्ष के कांग्रेसी सदस्यों ने यह कहा कि हम से कुछ गलतियाँ हुई हैं लेकिन इस सदन में उन्होंने उन गलतियों का कोई व्योरा नहीं रखा और जब वे व्योरा नहीं रखते हैं तो इस से साफ जाहिर है कि केवल ऊँची मन से ही वे याना गलतियाँ मानते हैं। जो महान् गलतियाँ उन्होंने की हैं उन की सजा उन की मिन चुकी है। माननीय

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, आप के द्वारा मैं कह चाहता हूँ कि अब पिछले दिनों कांग्रेस सरकार ने इमर्जेंसी लगाई थी और जो मानव अधिकार थे, नागरिक स्वतन्त्रताएँ थी, वे छीन ली गई थी और न बोलन की और न कुछ कहने की आजादी रही थी, तो यह वैसा राज्य था। स्वराज्य लेने के समय, मैं इन कांग्रेसियों की बात नहीं कहता, स्वराज्य लेने वालों से केवल एक ही शोरब की बात कही गई थी और वह महात्मा गांधी जी ने कही थी कि अगर हमें आजादी लेनी है, तो हमें निर्भीक बनना पड़ेगा, हमें किसी से डरना नहीं पड़ेगा और अगर हमारे ऊपर कोई जुल्म या (आदती होंगी) है, तो उसे सहन नहीं करेंगे। इस इमर्जेंसी में ऐसा ताण्डव-रान चलता कि एक आदमी अपने ऊपर हुए जुल्म की बात नहीं कह सकता था और अगर वह उस की कहता तो भीसा का भय उसे दिखाया जाता था। इतना भय पैदा कर दिया गया था और ये महात्मा गांधी की दुहाई देने हैं। इस इमर्जेंसी के टाइम में हम को जेलों में प्रधान मंत्री इन्दिरा गांधी जी और दूसरे नेताओं के भाषण सुनने की मिलते थे जिस में वे कहते थे कि देखो हम प्रजातन्त्र के लिए लड़ रहे हैं और विरोधी पक्ष प्रजातन्त्र को खत्म करना चाहता है। इसलिए हम को इमर्जेंसी लगानी पड़ी लेकिन प्रजातन्त्रीय पद्धतियाँ जो थी, जो हमारा मानव अधिकार थे वे छीन लिये गये। इमर्जेंसी लगा कर वे अपने को समाजवादी कहने थे और समाजवाद की दुहाई देने थे। इमर्जेंसी लगाने ही श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी ने घोषणा की कि हम उद्योगों का राष्ट्रीयकरण नहीं करेंगे क्योंकि वे जानती थी कि इमर्जेंसी से बुद्धिजीवी और पड़े लिखे विचारशील लोग सख्त नाराज हैं। इसलिए उन्होंने पूँजीपतियों से मदद लेने के लिए उनका पक्ष प्रवर्ध किया और कहा कि हम उद्योगों का राष्ट्रीयकरण नहीं कर रहे हैं।

15.30 hrs

बड़ी दुहाई दी गई कि हम गलन के मामलों में आत्मनिर्भर हो गए हैं, अब हम बाहर से गलन नहीं मगाना पड़ेगा। लेकिन आज भी स्थिति यह है कि हम देश की जरूरतों में मुताबिक पूरा गलन नहीं पैदा कर पा रहे हैं। तीस वर्षों में भी कांग्रेस की हुकूमत गलने का प्रबंध नहीं कर सकी जिससे सबको भरपूर भोजन मिल सके। अथवा म प्रधान मंत्री जी और मुख्य मंत्रियों ने फोटो छपे थे। बीच में मन्वीरण होने से और उनका चारा और गेहूँ और धान की बालियाँ दिखाई जाती थी इनकी कागज पर खेती होती है। अगर धरती पर खेती होती तो हम आज बाहर से गलन नहीं मगाना पड़ता। खेती में बल कागजा पर की गई उसे धरती पर नहीं उतारा गया। अगर जमीन पर खेती की व्यवस्था कर दी जाती तो यह हालत पैदा नहीं होती। भूमि सुधार कर दिया जाता तो काफी उपज हो जाती। हमारा यहाँ काफी जमीन पड़ा हुई है उसको फाम में लाया जा सकता था। 1960 में पूरे हिंदुस्तान की विधान सभाओं में सीलिंग का बिल पास किया गया लेकिन आज 17 वर्षों के बाद भी गलने की समस्या बनी हुई है। निकाल कर भूमिहीन को जमीन जमी दी गई है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय तीन चीजों की आदमी का सबसे पहले जरूरत पड़ती है। उसके लिए पान का इंतजाम हो। उसी लिए पानी का इंतजाम हो। आज गाँव में यह लग है कि लोग नालों का पानी पीते हैं। तीन-तीन मीन से जाकर उन्हें पानी लाना पड़ता है। आदमी का पहलू में लिए कपड़ा और रहने के लिए मकान भी चाहिए। पूरे मध्य प्रदेश में प्रचार किया गया कि जिनका पान मकान नहीं है उनको मकान बनाने के लिए जमीन दी जाएगी। लेकिन इनका

भाषण होते रहे लागा की जमीन नहीं मिली, न उन्हें किसी प्रकार की और मदद मिली।

वहाँ गया कि हमने वसुधायी मजदूरी को खत्म कर दिया। लेकिन जो मजदूर मुक्त हुए थे उनका काम भी कोई व्यवस्था नहीं की गयी। उनके लिए काम की व्यवस्था होनी चाहिए थी। मैं मानता हूँ कि कुछ साहूकारों ने लोगों को बहुत परेशानी की। लेकिन जो सरकारी सोसायटियाँ हैं उनकी धांधलियों से भी तो आप लोग को मुक्त कराते। इन सोसायटियों के लोग साजिश कर के जो पैसा बसूल कर रहे हैं वह भी माफ होना चाहिए। साहूकारों के पैसों से आपने लोगों को मुक्त कर दिया लेकिन जो सहकारी समितियों ने गलती की या सहकारी बैंक ने साजिश करके पैसा बसूल किया उससे भी आपको मुक्ति दिवानी चाहिए थी।

आज देश में बेकारों की समस्या विशाल रूप में बिद्यमान है। चाहे पड़े लिखे लोग हो या बिना पड़े लिखे लोग हा, सबमें बेकारी की समस्या है। कांग्रेस की हुकूमत इस हल करने में असमर्थ रही है। कांग्रेस की हुकूमत देश में तीस साल तक रही अगर यह चाहता तो इस समस्या को बहुत अच्छे तरीके से हल कर सकती थी।

हम लोग 19 महीने जल में रहे। उसका बजाय हम तीन साल और पाँच साल भी जल में रह सकते थे। लेकिन कांग्रेस सरकार को चाहिए था कि वह जनता के साथ अच्छा व्यवहार करती उसको चाहिए था कि वह उसको प्यार से रखती। लेकिन दोनों बातों में से कोई भी बात नहीं हुई। जनता ने साक सभा चुनावों में अपना मत प्रकट करके बता दिया है कि कांग्रेसी राज अच्छा नहीं था।

लोक सभा चुनी गई है और राष्ट्रीय सरकार जनता पार्टी की बन गई है। लेकिन

[श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण नायक]

प्रान्तों में जो सरकारें हैं उन में भी परिवर्तन होना जरूरी है । वहां बहुत ज्यादातिया हुई हैं एमरजेंसी के समय में । उन्होंने बहुत ज्यादा जुल्म किए हैं । मल ही आप कह दें कि मोरारजी देसाई पर जो जुल्म हुए हैं, जनता पर जो ज्यादातिया हुई हैं उनकी आप जांच कराएंगे लेकिन जिन सरकारों ने, जिन प्रान्तीय सरकारों ने जून्म किए हैं क्या उनके द्वारा सही जांच हो सकती है ? मैं समझता हूँ कि नहीं हो सकती है । इसलिए यह जरूरी है कि विधान सभाओं के भी चुनाव कराए जाएं । मध्य प्रदेश के कई विधायक यहां आए । वे यहां आकर प्रधान मंत्री एवं गृह मंत्री महोदय से मिलें, वहां की सरकार पर गम्भीर आरोप लगाएं और वहां कि वहां की सरकार को समाप्त किया जाना चाहिये । मैं समझता हूँ कि वहां पर चुनाव होना बहुत जरूरी है । उन चुनाव परिणामों के फलस्वरूप जो वहां सरकार बनेगी वही जनता को आराम दे सकती है वना जनता में आराम नहीं मिल सकता है ।

बस्नर का इलाका, आबुधा का इलाका, बुन्देलखंड का इलाका और रोवा का कुछ इलाका ऐसा है जहां न आवागमन के साधन हैं, न रेलवे लाइन है, न वहां उद्योग धंधे हैं, वह बहुत पिछड़ा हुआ इलाका है । मेरी मांग है कि मौजूदा सरकार उस इलाके को बहुत मुश्किलों से और उस धोरे ध्यान से । अभी तक कांग्रेसी हकूमत राजनीतिक प्रभाव में आकर, दबाव में आकर काम करती रही है गरीबों की उपेक्षा की गई । मैं चाहता हूँ कि जनता सरकार इस तरह के जो इलाके हैं, जिन की उपेक्षा की गई हैं उनकी बहुत मुश्किलों और ध्यान दें । जहाँ साधन मौजूद हैं, वहाँ उद्योग धंधे बढ़ सके । अभी जगमगाता है । जिसका प्रभाव होना है उन्हीं लोगों पर धंधे खोज दिये जायें । ऐसा अब नहीं होना चाहिये । जहाँ पर

कच्चा माल है, जहाँ पर बिजली है, पानी है, वहाँ पर धंधे खोजे जाने चाहिये । ताकि देश की गरीबी मिट सके, लोगों को काम मिल सके । बहुत मुश्किलों से देश की प्रगति की ओर आपको ध्यान ध्यान देना चाहिये, पक्षपात से काम नहीं लेना चाहिये, यही मेरा आप से निवेदन है ।

SHRI MOHANARANGAM (Chengalpattu) Sir for the past ten days, we have been observing that most of the speakers are speaking in Hindi language. We are not in a position to understand.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER You have the translation in English.

SHRI MOHANARANGAM The translation of Hindi language in English does not contain everything. The Members are speaking for 5-10 minutes and the translation of that is for two to three minutes or so.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Probably the English version is more precise.

श्री कर्पूरी ठाकुर (समस्त) : अंग्रेजी में बोलने के बजाय तमिल, तेलुगु, कन्नड में बोलें और उसका अनुवाद हिन्दी में आ जाएगा और उसको हम सुन सकते हैं ।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : तमिल में भी आप थोड़ी देर बाद सुन लेंगे ।

श्री० एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी : (विजयवाड़ा) मैं हिन्दी में बोलूंगा ।

श्री कर्पूरी ठाकुर : तमिल में बोलिये, हम सुनेंगे । हिन्दी में अनुवाद तो आ ही जाएगा ।

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry) Sir, according to the usual procedure, the time is allotted as per the party strength. The Congress Party had its time, and

as far as my Party, Anna DMK is concerned, and we have nineteen Members we must have sufficient time

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER That will be taken care of

SHRI C M STEPHEN I would like to know what exactly is the apportionment of the time

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER Actually, there is no apportionment of the time because there was no meeting of the Business Advisory Committee It has, therefore to be done as per the discretion of the chair

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Mor-mugao) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir I wish to express my appreciation, of some remarks made in his Address by the Vice-President acting as President I would particularly like to draw the attention of the House to the remarks that this Government relies on the power of the people the vitality of the democratic process in India and the deep root that it has taken Sir as a Member coming from the Union Territory of Goa Daman and Diu I would like to put before the House the demand the most cherished aspiration of the people in my part of the country and that is the full-fledged statehood, separate statehood being granted to that territory

15 10 hrs

[SHRI M SATYANARAYAN RAO in the Chair]

That is the demand which arose and which has been growing for the last 15 years and since the time that territory was liberated from the Portuguese

SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY May I congratulate you Mr Chairman on your appointment to the Panel of Chairman?

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SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO May I remind the House that on 18th December 1961 that portion of land was liberated from the colonial yoke and that became a part of the great motherland and till this day it has remained as a Union Territory I submit that under the constitutional enactments and under the constitutional scheme also which govern us the Union Territory status is not a permanent status It is a transitory temporary status only and some day or the other these people and this portion of land has either to merge in the neighbouring State or they must get separate Statehood

In 1964 as there were controversies among the people of this territory as to whether they should continue as a separate territory or they should merge into the neighbouring States of Maharashtra or Mysore an opinion poll was taken and that opinion poll proved once for all that what the people wanted was not merger with either Maharashtra or Mysore but a separate State of their own This was in 1964 We are now in 1977 and in spite of 13 years having passed the power of the people the will of the people and the most urgent and pressing demand of the people in my part of the country has not been given its due expression.

May I bring to the notice of this House that in the year 1971 a non official resolution brought forward by the Opposition Party the United Goan Party for a separate statehood was passed unanimously and it was accepted even by those who upto last year opposed separate Statehood In 1976 the Maharashtra vadi Gomantak Party the name of which itself shows that they are for merger of this territory into the neighbouring State of Maharashtra brought a resolution in the Assembly for separate statehood and this resolution also was passed unanimously I will not take the time of the House nor will you allow me sufficient time to explain to the House as to what are the advantages political economic and administrative that will accrue to the people who constitute a separate

[श्री मन्मोहनरायण गोधरे]

प्रान्तों में जो सरकारें हैं उन में भी परिवर्तन होना जरूरी है । वहां बहुत ज्यादातियां हुई हैं एमरजेंसी के समय में । उन्होंने बहुत ज्यादा जन्म लिए हैं । भले ही आप कह दें कि मोरारजी देसाई पर जो जन्म हुए हैं, जनता पर जो ज्यादातियां हुई हैं उनकी आप जांच कराएंगे लेकिन जिन सरकारों ने, जिन प्रान्तीय सरकारों ने जन्म लिए हैं क्या उनका द्वारा सही जांच हो सकती है ? मैं समझता हूँ कि नहीं हो सकती है । इसलिए यह जरूरी है कि विधान सभाओं के भी चुनाव कराए जाएं । मध्य प्रदेश के कई विधायक यहां आए । वे यहां भारत प्रधान मंत्री एवं गृह मंत्री महोदय से मिले, वहां की सरकार पर गम्भीर आरोप लगाए और वहां कि वहां की सरकार को समाप्त किया जाना चाहिये । मैं समझता हूँ कि वहां पर चुनाव होना बहुत जरूरी है । उन चुनाव परिणामों से फलस्वरूप जो वहां सरकार बनेगी वही जनता को भारत में दे सकती है वहां जनता का भाराम नहीं भिन्न सकता है ।

यन्तर का इलाका, झाबुआ का इलाका, बुन्देलखंड का इलाका और सीवा का कुछ इलाका ऐसा है जहां न आवागमन के साधन हैं, न रेलवे लाइन है, न बड़ा उद्योग धंधे हैं, वह बहुत पिछड़ा हुआ इलाका है । मेरी मांग है कि मौजूदा सरकार उस इलाके को बहुमुखी विकास करे और उस ओर ध्यान दे । अभी तक बापेसी इन्फ्राम्म राबनीतिक प्रभाव में आकर, दबाव में आकर काम करती रही है गंगा की उपेक्षा की गई । मैं चाहता हूँ कि जनता सरकार इस तरह के जो इलाके हैं, जिन की उपेक्षा की गई है उनकी बहुमुखी उन्नति की ओर ध्यान दें । जहाँ साधन मौजूद हैं, वहाँ उद्योग धंधे बढ़ें खोलें । अभी उलटा होता है । जिसका प्रभाव होता है उसके यहां पर धंधे खोल दिये जाते हैं । ऐसा अब नहीं होना चाहिये । जहाँ पर

कच्चा माल है, जहाँ पर बिजली है, पानी है, वहाँ पर धंधे खोले जाने चाहिये । ताकि देश की गरीबी मिट सके, लोगों को काम मिल सके । बहुमुखी तौर से देश की प्रगति की ओर आपको ध्यान ध्यान देना चाहिये, पक्षपात से काम नहीं लेना चाहिये, यही मेरा आप से निवेदन है ।

SHRI MOHANARANGAM (Chengalpattu): Sir, for the first ten days, we have been observing that most of the speakers are speaking in Hindi language. We are not in a position to understand ..

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You have the translation in English.

SHRI MOHANARANGAM: The translation of Hindi language in English does not contain everything. The Members are speaking for 5-10 minutes and the translation of that is for two to three minutes or so.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Probably the English version is more precise.

श्री बर्पूरी ठाकुर (गवर्नर) : अंग्रेजी में बोलने के बजाय तमिल, तेलुगु, ब्रज में बोलें और उसका अनुवाद हिन्दी में आ जाएगा और उसको हम सुन सकते हैं ।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : तमिल में भी आप थोड़ी देर बाद सुन लेंगे ।

श्री० एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी : (विजयवाड़ा) : मैं हिन्दी में बोलूंगा ।

श्री बर्पूरी ठाकुर : तमिल में बोलिये, हम सुनेंगे । हिन्दी में अनुवाद तो आ ही जाएगा ।

SHRI ARAVINDA HALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry): Sir, according to the usual procedure, the time is allotted as per the party strength. The Congress Party had its time, and

as far as my Party, Anna DMK is concerned, and we have nineteen Members, we must have sufficient time

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER That will be taken care of

SHRI C M STEPHEN I would like to know what exactly is the apportionment of the time

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Actually, there is no apportionment of the time, because there was no meeting of the Business Advisory Committee It has, therefore, to be done as per the discretion of the chair

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Mormugao) Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir I wish to express my appreciation, of some remarks made in his Address by the Vice-President, acting as President. I would particularly like to draw the attention of the House to the remarks that this Government relies on the power of the people the vitality of the democratic process in India and the deep root that it has taken Sir, as a Member coming from the Union Territory of Goa Daman and Diu, I would like to put before the House the demand, the most cherished aspiration of the people in my part of the country and that is, the full-fledged statehood, separate statehood being granted to that territory

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[SHRI M SATYANARAYAN RAO in the Chair]

That is the demand which arose and which has been growing for the last 15 years and since the time that territory was liberated from the Portuguese

SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY May I congratulate you Mr Chairman on your appointment to the Panel of Chairman?
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SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO May I remind the House that on 18th December 1961 that portion of land was liberated from the colonial yoke and that become a part of the great motherland and till this day it has remained as a Union Territory I submit that under the constitutional enactments and under the constitutional scheme also which govern us the Union Territory status is not a permanent status It is a transitory temporary status only and some day or the other these people and this portion of land has either to merge in the neighbouring State or they must get separate Statehood

In 1964 as there were controversies among the people of this territory as to whether they should continue as a separate territory or they should merge into the neighbouring States of Maharashtra or Mysore an opinion poll was taken and that opinion poll proved once for all that what the people wanted was not merger with either Maharashtra or Mysore but a separate State of their own This was in 1964 We are now in 1977 and in spite of 13 years having passed the power of the people the will of the people and the most urgent and pressing demand of the people in my part of the country has not been given its due expression.

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[Shri Eduardo Faleiro]

Statehood and which do not accrue to people who belong to the Union Territory. One of them is representation in the Rajya Sabha. A Union Territory does not have any representation in the Rajya Sabha. Goa does not have any representation in the Rajya Sabha precisely because we are a Union Territory. Then we do not have a separate Public Service Commission. All our administrative officers are selected by the UPSC which has a choice of the entire country while in the States the State Public Service Commissions choose generally from among the people of that particular State. You will be surprised to know that out of the 30 or 40 IAS officers which are presently in Goa, Daman and Diu there is not a single officer who belongs to that territory. You will be under a wrong impression if you believe that all of us are savages that we are primitives, that we do not have any IAS officers. We have plenty of officers, our officers have even become Governors but still not a single IAS officer is drawn from our territory.

There are several other benefits.

The hon. member from Pondicherry has interrupted and thereby he has reminded me of the local judicial authority in the case of a Union Territory. There the Judicial Commissioner exercises only certain restricted powers of the High Court, whereas in the case of a State the local final judicial authority is the full-fledged High Court. It is better to have a High Court rather than a Judicial Commissioner. This is a disadvantage to us which is because of our being a Union Territory. Had we got a separate State of our own in that case we would have a High Court of our own. The litigants of Goa do not have that benefit. It is not justified. It is high time that full statehood was granted.

The reasons given for not granting Statehood are two.

1. Smallness of the territory. It is a small territory. People go only for

holidays. That seems to be embarrassing.

In this connection I would like to submit some statistics based on 1971 census. If the North Eastern Areas Tripura, Manipur, have been given statehood—there is no justification whatsoever to deny statehood to Goa, Daman and Diu.

The population of Goa, Daman and Diu according to 1971 census is 8.53 lakhs whereas in Nagaland the population is 5.16 lakhs.

Density of population per sq. km. is as under:

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| Goa | 225 people per sq. km. |
| Manipur | 48 " " " " |
| Nagaland | 31 " " " " |
| Meghalaya | 45 " " " " |
| Tripura | 149 " " " " |

If this House could grant statehood to the North Eastern Area it cannot on the basis of justice and equity deny statehood to the people of Goa which has larger population and more density of population.

The other argument which is adduced against granting statehood to our territory is that it is economically not viable. On this point I am happy to say that the rate of growth during the decade—1964—74—as also the increase in the revenue has been to the extent of 500 per cent in the case of our Territory.

We have at present a deficit of Rs. 1234 crores. If statehood is granted, we will be entitled to Rs. 3 crores. The scheme for allocation of Central Taxes has been evolved by the Finance Commission for 1974—79. The remaining will have to be made good by grant-in-aid by the Central Government. The Grant-in-aid will be to the extent of Rs. 9 crores. I give figures to show in comparison the grants-in-aid being given to the North Eastern States.

We require grants-in-aid to the extent of Rs 9 crores, whereas for others the figures are as follow:

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| Nagaland | Rs. 32 crores |
| Man pur | Rs. 27 " |
| Assam | Rs. 73 " |
| Orissa | Rs. 103 " |
| Jammu & Kashmir | Rs. 65 " |
| Tripura | Rs. 25 " |
| Meghalay | Rs. 25 " |
| Himachal Pradesh | Rs. 45 " |

The Central Government will not be doing any big favour if it gives grant-in-aid of Rs 9 crores to Goa because the export duty which is earned by this territory is Rs 55 crores per year on iron ore alone and this does not include export duty on manganese ore or cashewnuts and so many other things. This is a pressing demand of Goa, Daman and Diu. This Government claims to be committed to the welfare of the people, as its name indicates. But empty promises would take us nowhere. It is our demand that as early as possible full fledged Statehood should be granted to our territory. The erstwhile Congress Government was inclined to grant Statehood in respect of small States. The House must be aware of this. A couple of years back the concept of working statehood was adopted on the basis of the Morarka Committee report. Before becoming Prime Minister Mr Morarji Desai was reported to have made a statement that it would be better if India had 4 or 5 major States and that small States were against the interest of the country. I request him to clarify this point. Government should express its policy on this issue of small States. I want to know specifically as to what the policy of the Government is on the question of granting full-fledged statehood to the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu.

With these words, I thank you for the time given to me to speak and I thank the hon. Members for the patience with which they have heard my speech. I hope that the points raised by me will be replied to by the Government while replying to the debate.

सरकार सचिव (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडिस) :
महापति महोदय, देश की जिस जाति ने राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण पर उन्हें धन्यवाद देने का मोता हम दिया है, उस जनता का मैं सब से पहला अभिन्दन करना चाहता हूँ। आज की यह नई स्थिति और यह नई सरकार लाने में जो लोग जेलों में गये, जिन्होंने सरकार के दमन का मुताबला किया, और जो आज हम लोगों के बीच में नहीं हैं, उन सब को भी मैं याद करना चाहता हूँ। मुजफ्फरपुर की जनता ने मुझे आज इस सदन में खड़ा होने का मौका दिया, और वह भी दो प्रकार के प्रचार को निपटल बना कर—एक तो भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री, श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी, ने मेरे क्षेत्र में जा कर कहा कि जार्ज फर्नांडिस बाहर का आदमी है, मुजफ्फरपुर की जनता उसे क्या वोट दे, और उस वक्त और आज के भी जो कांग्रेस के अध्यक्ष हैं, उन्होंने मेरे क्षेत्र में जा कर कहा कि जार्ज फर्नांडिस ईसाई है उसे मुजफ्फरपुर की जनता क्यों वोट दे? मुजफ्फरपुर की जनता ने इस प्रकार के प्रचार के बावजूद मुझे वोट दिया। मेरे उस क्षेत्र में जाने पर हर प्रकार की राब लगी रही, मैं जेल में बंद रहा। इस देश की राजनीति में और देश के सार्वजनिक जीवन में मेरी सारी उम्र बीन गई, 19 साल की उम्र में मैं समाजवादी आन्दोलन में आया और तब से लेकर आज तक इस देश की जनता के बीच में मेरा काम रहा। सरकार से मनभेद रहे। समर्थ चला रहा। लेकिन हम ने नहीं सोचा था कि ऐसे भी दिन इस देश में आएंगे कि मुजफ्फरपुर के दोनो हाथों में बैडिया डाल कर जेलों से पुलिस को पट्टी पर बांध कर शहर की सड़कों पर चलाया जायगा। ये सारी चीजें हुईं।

[श्री ज ज फर्निडिस]

भगर इन सारी चीजों के बावजूद मुंबईपुर की जिस जनता ने मुझे इस सदन में भेजा दिया उस को भी मैं राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण पर धन्यवाद के प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करते समय धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूँ ।

मैंने कांग्रेस जनो के कई भाषण सुने, कुछ पढ़े । जनता की समस्याओं पर अब इन्होंने रोना शुरू किया है । दाम बढ़ रहे हैं, बहुत परेशानी है । बेकारी बढ़ रही है, बहुत परेशानी है । कब से दाम बढ़ने लगे ? बेकारी व आकड़े पिछले दस बारह वर्षों से सरकार ने अपनी स्टैटिस्टिक्स की किताबों में देना ही बन्द कर दिया क्यों कि इतनी तेजी से इन लोगों ने बेकारी बढ़ाने की योजनाएँ देश में बना कर रखी । क्षेत्रीय विषमता की कुछ बातें यहाँ पर हम ने सुनी । पिछले तीस सालों में जिन नीतियों को इस कांग्रेसी सरकार ने यहाँ पर चलाया, सिर्फ क्षेत्रीय विषमताओं को बढ़ाने और गाँवों को लूट कर दिल्ली और बम्बई जैसे शहरों को शानदार बनाने व सिवाय और कौन सी नीतियाँ उन की रहीं ? आज लाखों लोग रो रहे हैं । आज उन लोगों की याद इन को आने लगी । बिहार के पिछड़े हुए इलाके के मरे हुए लोग, बी, आसाम, उड़ीसा जैसे पिछड़े प्रदेशों की, पूर्वोत्तर हिन्दुस्तान के पहाड़ी इलाकों में मरने वालों की आज याद आने लगी । तीस सालों में कौन सी नीतियाँ चलायी ?

इसलिए मैं आर्थना वरुणा कांग्रेस पार्टी के सदस्यों से कि वे कुछ धनतुमुँधी हो जाय । गलतियाँ की हों तो उन को समझ सें । अपने दल की स्थिति को सुधारें या न सुधारें यह उन का काम है । लेकिन पिछले 30 सालों की गलतियों के बाद जबकि कुछ धनतुमुँधी हो कर जनता ने जो जिम्मेदारी आज जनता पर रखी है और जिस जिम्मेदारी को निभाने इस सरकार का

कर्त्तव्य है, उस जिम्मेदारी को निभाने में आप हमारी मदद करें । उस मदद की आप लोगों से हम अपेक्षा करते हैं । क्यों कि आज आप भी महसूस कर रहे हैं कि जो दाम बढ़ाने का सिलसिला आप ने चलाया, और बेकारी बढ़ाने का सिलसिला आप ने चलाया और तीस साल जो देश को बरबाद किया है उसे हम लोग नए ढंग से उठाए और नए ढंग से देश का निर्माण करें यह जिम्मेदारी इस सरकार पर आई है । इसलिए आप ज़रूर टीका करें, जहाँ भूल हो, लेकिन उस के अलावा कुछ सहयोग दें ताकि इस बिगड़ी हुई परिस्थिति को सुधारने में लिए हम लोग कुछ ठोस कदम उठा सकें ।

ये समझाए बड़ी और गहरी हैं जिन को हल करने का काम आज हम लोगों के जिम्मे आया है क्योंकि पिछले कुछ वर्षों में और विशेषकर पिछले 11 वर्षों में देश के लोगों की झूठी बातों पर जिन्दा रखने का काम कांग्रेस सरकार ने किया था । बातें कितनी झूठी रहीं ...

श्री एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी "झूठ" नहीं "असत्य" बोलिए । पोलियामेन्ट में आप "झूठ" नहीं बोल सकते ।

श्री जार्ज फर्निडिस : आप क्यों शब्दों पर लड़ाई लड़ते हैं, असत्यता पर चले । लोगों ने सामने गलत आंकड़े रखकर बताया गया कि देश विकसित हो रहा है । बताया गया कि पिछले 11 सालों में देश इतना विकसित हो गया है । मेरे मित्रों को याद होगा कि पिछले साल इसी समय फरवरी, मार्च के समय में सारे देश में आप लोग "डायनेमिक डिबेट" बना रहे थे । सरकारी आंकड़ों से हमें पता लगाने की कोशिश करें कि कितने करोड़ रुपया केन्द्रीय सरकार ने और राज्य सरकारों ने खर्चा किया । इस "डायनेमिक डिबेट" पर । मैंने उस समय भविष्यत आँकड़ों में उल्लेख एक वर्ष

मिलाता जिसमें यह कहा कि यह "डाइनेमिक डिबेट" नहीं है, यह "डिबेटिंग डिबेट" रही है। आज मैं इसका सबूत आपने सामने रखना चाहूंगा क्योंकि देश के लोगों को उससे भ्रमगत कराना बहुत जरूरी है। मैं विशेषकर पिछले दस वर्षों की बात कहूंगा, पिछले 30 वर्षों की नहीं क्योंकि फिर समय की समस्या आ जायेगी। फिर आहिस्ता आहिस्ता उस पर भी हम रोशनी डालेंगे। पिछले दस सालों में श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी का जो "डायनेमिक डिबेट" रहा वह कितना "डायनेमिक" था और कितना "डिबेटिंग" था—इसको मैं बताना चाहता हूँ।

जब श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी प्रधान मंत्री बनीं तब रुपए की कीमत थी 54 पैसे। दस साल 'डायनेमिक डिबेट' चलाने के बाद रुपए की कीमत रह गई 25 पैसे। यह आपने ही आँकड़े हैं, मेरे नहीं। इसी तरह से जब श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी प्रधान मंत्री बनीं तब इस देश "बिलो पावर्टी लाइन" गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे जो जनता थी उसकी संख्या थी 24 करोड़ लेकिन दस सालों तक "डायनेमिक डिबेट" चलाने के बाद उनकी संख्या हो गई 42 करोड़। यानी "डायनेमिक डिबेट" में उनकी संख्या 18 करोड़ बढ़ गई।

इसी तरह से जहाँ तक रोटी का सवाल है, जब श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी प्रधान मंत्री बनीं तब इस देश के लोगों को औसतन रोज 50 ग्राम दाल खाने को मिलती थी। वैसे तो बहुत से लोग भूखे हैं, 10-20 ग्राम दाल भी रोज खाने वाले बहुत हैं लेकिन औसत 50 ग्राम का था। श्रीमती गांधी की डायनेमिक डिबेट के बाद 50 ग्राम दाल का औसत 42 ग्राम हो रह गया। इसी तरह से जब श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी प्रधान मंत्री बनीं तब औसतन एक व्यक्ति को कपड़ा साठे 15 मीटर मिलता था जोकि 10 साल की "डायनेमिक डिबेट" के बाद 13 मीटर हो रह गया। इसी तरह से

औसतन साल में एक व्यक्ति को 840 ग्राम वनस्पति मिलता था जोकि दस साल "डायनेमिक डिबेट" के बाद 748 ग्राम हो रह गया। इसी तरह से चीनी हालांकि हर एक को नहीं मिलती थी लेकिन औसतन एक आदमी के पीछे सालाना 7 किलोग्राम पैदा होती थी जोकि दस साल की "डायनेमिक डिबेट" के बाद 6 किलो हो रह गई। यह चीजें बताना इसलिए जरूरी है क्योंकि आपने लोगों को गुमराह करके रखा और बताया कि इस देश में उत्पादन बढ़ा रहे हैं जबकि एक आदमी के पीछे जितना होता था वह भी घट गया और गरीबी बढ़ गई। आपने गलत आँकड़ों का पक्ष करके लाया का बेवकूफ बनाया यही मेरे कहने का मतलब है।

एक उदाहरण मैं और देना चाहता हूँ। देश में विकास की बुनियाद इस बात पर निर्भर होती है कि इस्पात का कितना उत्पादन हो रहा है। जब श्रीमती गांधी की "डायनेमिक डिबेट" शुरू हुई उस समय साल में एक आदमी के पीछे इस्पात पैदा होता था—9.3 किलो, लेकिन 10 वर्षों के बाद वह घट कर 7.8 किलो रह गया।

इन के जो एम्पलायमेंट एक्सचेन्ज के रजिस्टर हैं—उनका हिसाब देखिये—"डायनेमिक डिबेट" शुरू होने के समय बेरोजगारों की रजिस्टर्ड संख्या थी—26 लाख, लेकिन 10 वर्षों के बाद वह संख्या हो गई—1 करोड़। ग्रैजुएट्स की संख्या इन के 'लाइव रजिस्ट्रार' पर "डायनेमिक डिबेट" शुरू होने के समय थी—1 लाख 19 हजार, लेकिन 10 वर्षों में यह बढ़कर 6 लाख हो गई। मैट्रिकुलेट्स तथा उस से ऊपर और ग्रैजुएट्स से नीचे के लोगों की संख्या "डायनेमिक डिबेट" शुरू होने के समय थी—8 लाख, लेकिन 10 वर्षों के समाप्त होने के बाद हो गई—30 लाख। हिन्दुस्तान में निरक्षर लोगों की संख्या "डायनेमिक डिबेट" शुरू होने के समय थी—36 करोड़ लेकिन "डिबेट" समाप्त होने के

फर्नांडिस]

। हो गई—42 करोड़ । आप देख
... —नितनी तरक्की हुई है ।

लेकिन, समापति महोदय, एक क्षेत्र में बहुत तरक्की हुई । वह कौन सा क्षेत्र था, बतलाइए ? 1966-67 में मैं इस लाख सभा का सदस्य था और उधर बैठा करता था । उस समय एक लड़का था जो हिन्दुस्तान में मैट्रिक पास हुआ था, बेकार था, एप्रेन्टिस शिप कर के आया था । हिन्दुस्तान का “डाइनेमिक डिबेड” समाप्त होने-होन वह कई करोड़ के मालिक लि० कारखाने का मालिक बन गया । इस जाह पर “डाइनेमिक डिबेड” ने वास्तव में काम किया । लेकिन बाकी क्षेत्रों में देश ने तरक्की नहीं की, देश बरबाद हुआ । मैं सारे आगड़े इस समय नहीं रखूँगा अगर आप की दितबस्ती हो, तो आप के पाम पट्टवाने की कागिश करूँगा क्योंकि यह सब छना हुआ है । इन की आप जम्पर पडिये और जो गलतियाँ हुई हैं उन को सुधारने का काम कीजिये ।

अभी एक सदस्य ने कहा कि “झूठ” शब्द मन बोलिये, “असत्य बोलिये”—मैं आप को इस का उदाहरण भी देता हूँ । इस सदन में इन्होंने एक दस्तावेज पढ़ा किया था—“व्हाई एमरजेंसी ?” इस दस्तावेज के बारे में पता नहीं, उग्रा बैठे हुए लोगों को “वर्ष” लगेगी या नहीं, क्योंकि यदि इस दस्तावेज को लेकर बहस की जाय तो शायद महीनों यह बहस चल सकती है । मार टग बचन तो मैं सिर्फ़ एक घाटी के बारे में बताना चाहता हूँ — जिन के बारे में इस दस्तावेज में लिखा है—वह व्यक्ति है—श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण । जय प्रकाश नारायण जी के बारे में इन के किसी नोटेशनह या धार्डि० बी० या पुलिस विभाग के किसी व्यक्ति ने ज्ञात किया है—उस को थोड़ा पढ़ लीजिये और उग को पढ़ कर अगर आप को धर्म पानी है तो ज्ञान कुछ न कर सकें ता कम से कम उस महात्मा से क्षमा माचना ही कीजिये, अपना खर कीजिये ।

श्री सुरत बहादुर शाह (खैरी) वह तो सिर्फ़ हयादार कर सकत हैं, वेहया क्षमा नहीं माग सकते हैं ।

श्री जाम फर्नांडिस इस दस्तावेज में 20 महीनों में देश को किस तरह से बहा तक पट्टवाने का काम किया है—सब कुछ झूठ व आधार पर लिखने की कोशिश की गई है । इसी विताव में एक चैप्टर है—रेल मजदूरों की हड़ताल के बारे में लिखने हैं —

“The railway strike of May, 1974 was essentially part of the movement for national disruption.”

समापति महोदय, हम नहीं चाहते थे कि रेल हड़ताल हो । मुझ पर यह आरोप लगाया गया कि मैंने रेल हड़ताल को चलाया । दुनिया भर के अखबारों में प्रचार किया गया, लन्दन-टाइम्स में हजारों पाउण्ड खर्च कर के लेख छपाया कि हमारी बजह से करोड़ों या अरबों रुपया देश का बरबाद हो गया । मैं हड़ताल नहीं चाहता था । हम ने कुछ मागे भेजी थी । उस दिन मैं सदन में था, जब रेल बजट पर बहस चल रही थी । भूतपूर्व रेल राज्य मंत्री श्री कुरेशी हमारी मागों के पत्र का उठा कर सदन में दिखाने लगे कि हम ये मागे मागते हैं । उनमें हमारी 6 मागें थी ।

हमारे हिमाय से 350 करोड़ रुपये की बात थी अगर शुरू से ही मैं ने कहा था

Every demand is negotiable

हड़ताल शुरू होने तक के क्षण तक मैं जेल से विद्वत्ता भेजता रहा कि

Every demand is negotiable.

भूतपूर्व राष्ट्रपति श्री बी० बी० गिरी ने अभी चन्द दिन पहले एक बयान दिया है जिस में उन्होंने लिखा है :

“When the last general strike was declared, I happened to be at

Mussoorie and on hearing about the strike I immediately returned to Delhi to take up the matter and see if a settlement could be arrived at. The then Railway Minister, L. N. Mishra called on me. I advised him to continue negotiations with the Railwaymen's Federation and their six point charter of demands. It is great pity that Shri George Fernandes was brought to Delhi for the purpose of negotiations but soon after, in a most indiscreet manner, sent to Tihar Jail."

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, हम से बातचीत [हो रही थी 30 अप्रैल की रात के 9 बजे तक। रेल भवन में हम ने बातचीत की थी। 1 मई को वे बातचीत करना चाहते थे लेकिन 1 मई, मजदूरों का दिवस है और मुझे लखनऊ में रेल मजदूरों के बीच में भाषण करना था और इस का मैं ने वायदा किया हुआ था। मैं ने कहा था कि मैं 2 तारीख को मुंबई जहाज से दिल्ली पहुंच जाऊंगा और सीधे 9 बजे रेल भवन में बातचीत करने के लिए आऊंगा। साढ़े तीन बजे इन्डियन एयरलाइन्स का हवाई जहाज उड़ने वाला था लेकिन साढ़े 8 बजे तब उस को उड़ने नहीं दिया ताकि हम जा न पाए। दरअसल यह विचार कर रहे थे कि इन को यही पकड़ ले या वहाँ पकड़ें? लखनऊ में मजदूर रात 12 बजे तब मेरा इन्तजार करने रहे और वही बैठे रहे और मैं रात को 12 बजे लखनऊ स्टेशन के सामने अपना भाषण किया और रात को 2 बजे रेलवे रिटायरिंग रूम में सो गया। डार्क बजे दरवाजा खटखटाया गया और वहाँ पर दिल्ली पुलिस मौसा के अन्दर मेरी गिरफ्तारी का वारेन्ट लिये थी। रेलवे प्लेटफार्म को और स्टेशन को सैकड़ों नहीं, हजारों पुलिस वालों ने घेर लिया था। मैंने उन से पूछा कि मुझे कहा लिये जा रहे हो, तो कोई जवाब नहीं दिया गया। लखनऊ हवाई अड्डे पर बोर्डर सेक्यूरिटी फोर्स का हवाई जहाज दिल्ली से मेरा डिटेन्शन आर्डर लेकर उड़ा और उस में बैठा कर मुझे पालम

हवाई अड्डे लाया गया और वहाँ से मुझे तिहाड़ जेल भिजवा दिया गया। 2 तारीख को मुझे 9 बजे बातचीत करने के लिए कहा था और 5 बजे मुझे जेल भेज दिया और इस पर ये लोग कहते थे कि

This was an attempted national disruption.

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं कहता हूँ कि

This was an attempted national disruption but not by the Railwaymen, but the Government of Mrs Gandhi. This was an attempted national disruption.

और सबूत चाहिए, तो मैं देता हूँ। हमारी बात को छोड़ दीजिए। इन की साथी श्रीमती पार्वती कृष्णन दिखाई नहीं दे रही है मगर उन के महान नेता कामरेड श्री पद धर्मन डग्रे जोकि हमारे भी मित्र है, द्वारा लिखी गई इस किताब का वाग्रेसी जरूर खरीदे। यह ए० आई० टी० यू० सो० की पब्लिकेशन है। इस का नाम है "दि रेलवे स्ट्राइक"। डग्रे साहब ने इस में लिखा है

"The Government of the country, ruling in the name of democracy, had unleashed its armed forces against unarmed peaceful workers to compel them to work. It looked like the naked dictatorship of Roman Emperors, letting loose their armed soldiery against their slaves who refused to be mere slaves only to work under the whip-lash. For 20 days in May 1974, India saw peaceful bourgeois democracy, installed in power by the ballot box, forcing the railwaymen to give up their demands and their right to strike to get those demands. This bourgeois democracy which swears by truth, non-violence, peace and the poor and the fundamentals of the Constitution attacked even the families of the Railwaymen, further illustrates the truth that when the worker has sold his labour power to the employer, he sold himself

[Shri George Fernandes]

into wage slavery and not only himself but his family and his home also

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KOKURO and 17000 dollars for DORO

In May 1975 the Japanese delegation from the two Unions attended the fifteenth Annual Conference of the ATRF held in Jodhpur India where Bns Murakami and Temita respectively President of KOKURO and DORO handed directly drafts of the contributions presented by individual Japanese railwaymen to President Fernandes in the presence of all the representative of Unions affiliated with the AIRF. Our contributions were transferred by the bank drafts under the official recognition of the Japanese Government.

Paying his respects to our wills President Fernandes made a promise to use the contributions as Indian railwaymen's education fund for a long period in the future. For this, the contributions have not been drawn from the bank at all.

एक एक पार्ट इसकी धाज भी बैंकों में पड़ी हुई है। लेकिन यह कहा गया कि न सिर्फ यह धाया और भी धाया मई जून 1974 में। मेरी धाज फिर चुनौती है। मैंने भूमिगत प्रवस्था से लिखा था श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी को कि सबूत पेश करा कि विदेशी मुद्रा धाई है बैंक के जरिये धाई है सबूत पेश करो। लेकिन सबूत पेश करने की जगह पर इसकी नेता न 12 अक्टूबर को क्या कहा? यह पर्चा है इस म स में पढ़ देना है।

Now about the interview of the Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi to Mr George Evans of the Sunday Telegraph London. The question was

"What were the external pressures that influenced you in proclaiming a State of Emergency?" The Government claims, for example that Mr George Fernandes leader of railwaymen's union and Socialist Party wrote to Chairman Mao soliciting support and that substan-

tial sums of money were received through a foreign bank.

The Prime Minister replied thus

First the real reason for the Emergency long before my case came up in the courts was the developing and deepening crisis."

उम गवर्नो के छाई देता है।

Against she said

"Mr Fernandes said the money was for trade union activities. The money was originally put in his personal account though later he transferred some of it. The cheque came through the Reserve Bank of India from Japan and we had information that part of it came from somewhere else to Tokyo and then here. Before that a cheque was received from Holland I think, to a party in Orissa. They quickly said it was for agricultural work but the sort of campaign that was going on was obvious. Those who went on strike were being paid. Where did the money come from? Our trade unions are not rich."

धाज वह यहा है नहीं। धाज में धाज लागू से माग भी नहीं कर सकता। कि सबूत पेश करो। भार इतना झूठ जिस के लिये धाज ने धातेप किया, इतना शठ कहा जाएगा। हम कि मने कहें? धाज में सरकार में है। मगर इतना झूठ बाज कर सरकार नहीं चलानी चाहिये थी। धाज को भा माचना चाहिये था इस तरह स हम जनील नहीं करना चाहिये था। धाज हम को मारने पीटने लाठिया चलाने हमन 30 साल धाज के हाथों मार खायी है। 6 अप्रैल, 1970 का इसी पटेल चौक में बाराबकी के माननीय राम सेवन यादव को लाठिया की मार से मारा गया माननीय मधु लिमये माननीय राजनारायण माननीय मनीराम बागडी और मुज को लाठिया से मारा गया और म तो 4 घंटे अस्पताल में रहा था, पता नहीं था कि बचूंगा कि नहीं। अविश्वस का प्रस्ताव धाज के खिलाफ धाया था लेकिन कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के लोगो न धाज की सरकार

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फासिज्म है, तो लोगों का ज़ब्त नहीं था। लोग कहते थे कि तुम ऐसे ही बोलते हो। मगर इसी सदन में उन्होंने एक भाषण 22 जुलाई, 1975 को दिया था कि "डिमोक्रेसी एंड डिस्टिप्तिन—स्पीचेज़ आफ़ श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी" नामक किताब के पन्ना नं० 27 पर लिखा है —

Yesterday another member of the Opposition wanted to know what fascism was. Fascism does not mean merely repression."

—of course, not—

"It does not mean merely that the police use excessive force or that the people are imprisoned."

—of course, not—

"Fascism is the use of falsehood. Over and above everything, it is the propagation of the big lie."

इस देश की जनता ने इस बात को साफ़ कर दिया है कि यहाँ तानाशाही थी, यहाँ फासिज्म था जिसका आधार झूठ था। उसका निर्णय डायनामाइट केस को लेकर लोगों को मुमराह करने, विद्रोह के नाम से देश का बरबाद करने और श्री जय प्रकाश नारायण से लेकर रेल मजदूरों को जलील करने और उनके प्रति इस देश के लोगों के बीच में गलत विचारों का निर्माण करके झूठ के आधार पर राज्य चलाने वालों को इस देश की जनता ने हटा कर रख दिया है।

राष्ट्रपति जी के अभिभाषण में, जिसमें उन्होंने पिछले 20 महीनों की और यह कहा जाये तो 30 वर्षों की बिगड़ी हुई स्थिति पेश करने के लिए एक रूपरेखा पेश की है, उसके लिये मैं उन्हें धन्यवाद देने के साथ साथ इस देश की जनता को, इस चुनाव को जिसमें उन्होंने झूठ का पर्दाफाश करके इस तानाशाही को समाप्त किया है, उसके लिये धन्यवाद देता हूँ और अपनी बात को समाप्त करता हूँ।

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA
(Kaliabor) Mr Chairman, actually I did not want to speak on the matters that have been raised in this House, but having heard my respectable Socialist friend, Shri Fernandez, I would only like to mention that so far as the allegations that he has made against my party are concerned, we have so far stated that mistakes have been committed. We have not tried to defend those mistakes so far. In fact, we have explained in this House by and large that in the party as a whole we are in a mood of introspection and we are trying to find out what went wrong in the battle that decided our fate.

At the same time I cannot help saying that so far as the statistics are concerned, there are two major defects. Firstly, it has failed to take into account the rise in population in the country. It has not taken into account the fact that the population has gone up in the mean time. He has also avoided giving production figures. We in the Congress Party are proud of the development that has taken place during the past several years, particularly during recent history when the production of various items was increased, exports went up and so many other things happened.

I am in partial agreement with what has been stated in the President's Address in negative terms. What I mean by negative terms is the mandate that is stated to have been received by the party in power today, the mandate to remove the restrictions on the rights of the people etc. We are in partial agreement and our party leader has stated in this House that we will co-operate in all essential matters in carrying out whatever mandate the ruling party has received from the people.

I am also in partial agreement with what has been stated about the development of agriculture—partial because my party has contributed a lot to it. It is simply not true to say that investment in agriculture was less or

that it was neglected. There was a green revolution in our country, agricultural production has more than doubled since independence. Certain other measures have also been taken which have taken agriculture out of the medieval phase. It is, however, true that much that could have been done in agriculture could not be done because of various constraints. While I welcome the opportunities of the present Government to do away with those constraints, to face those problems, it will simply not do for them to function only as an opposition criticising us for having failed to do something which I have no doubt they will find equally difficult to implement when the time comes. In fact, the time has already come. I do not think they have plenty of time to tell the people that the Congress Party failed as they will have to show soon what improvements they are able to bring about in agriculture.

It is true that something should be done for rural water supply and all that, but it requires vast investment. The real problem is not rural water supply or rural industries. What is starting is the complete absence of the fact of struggle in the countryside. It is good to say that there are people below the poverty line, but they are in the countryside. Why was there no mention in the President's Address about the landless workers, about the people who are below the poverty level who do not have holdings who are tenants, what Government proposes to do about them, what type of legislation they would like to bring forward, what exactly the party, to which Mr. George Fernandes and other socialist leaders of my acquaintance with some of whom I had close personal relations, wants to do to remove this type of poverty in the rural sector? Rural industries may be a solution to some extent, but unless investment is diverted from the industrial sector, it will not be possible to develop rural industries. It has a logic of its

own. Vast investments will have to be made and one will have to decide one's policy about other industries.

In the President's Address there should have been a general statement of policy. I agree that the parties which have come to power recently may not be able to state immediately their approach in detailed terms but at the same time no political party ever comes to power without having an economic policy. So, why was it not found possible to state in concrete terms Government's approach with regard to the public sector and the private sector? It should have been possible to do it in two or three lines.

Harold Laski in his *Grammar of Politics* while discussing hasty legislation has categorically stated that hasty legislation is not possible because a great political party goes through a process of study and struggle before it arrives at the seat of power.

There must be at least a particular approach to the basic problems before the country. I mean the basic economic policies—I am not speaking on other matters—which cover agriculture and everything else. It is possible that the Ruling Party has all the options before it. It can go the Swatantra way, it can go the socialist way, it can go the centrist way. Now, the Ruling Party has to decide which line it has to pursue.

For example, take the case of public sector. I saw a statement from Mr. Verma about the industrial policy. It is just a repetition of what Shyama Prasad Mukherjee placed before Parliament some 25 years ago with certain minor amendments. Now, the public sector in this country today is not confined to the basic and key industries. It is producing bread and consumer items. As a Member of Parliament I

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concerned about the fate of the public sector. Unless some policy is made regarding the growth of the public sector the growth of the public sector will be inhibited and if the growth of the public sector is inhibited two possibilities arise. The private sector has to be allowed to grow. My party was not allowing monopolies to grow; my party at least attempted to help the public sector to grow as fast as possible and only to cover the gap in the production big houses were allowed expansion. Even then the share-holding pattern and every thing was changed. Public financial institutions were invited to purchase shares in it. How is it possible today? If the public sector is not allowed to grow if there is no enthusiastic response to the needs of the public sector the private sector is bound to grow as fast as possible. If it is not allowed to grow because of internal contradictions in the Ruling Party then there is going to be

(Interruptions)

I hope there will be no contradictions. I want your Government to function as smoothly as possible. As a Member of Parliament I am trying to tell you that if some elements want to stop monopolies then the public sector

(Interruptions)

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE (Banka) Did Mr Brijlal Verma say that he was going to de-nationalise the industry?

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA Mr Madhu Limaye with all respect I would like to tell you that even that most simple statement was withdrawn because it was considered to be the preliminary view of Mr Verma. As a socialist I am saying this. I am not saying as a critic of what is being said. The time for criticism has not come. I want to give all the co-operation that is due from my party. I do not want to stand in the way of

this matter because parties have merged. That is why, I would like to avoid speaking about contradiction. But how can I avoid all that what I quoted from Laski. The political parties have merged. I know the ideopogy of the Swatantra Party, I know the ideology of the Jan Sangh and I know the ideology of the BLD. But I do not know what is the amalgam what is the economic policy that has emerged out of this amalgam. I am entitled to know from the Government what is the amalgam of the economic policy which will protect the public sector, which will assist the private sector and which will protect the national interest in both the sectors.

I want the Government to specifically state in the interest of the country's welfare in the interest of the public sector in the interest of the socialist aim of the Government their clear cut economic policy. Unless the public sector is allowed to grow unless the socialist orientation in Government policies is allowed to continue unless the Government makes up its mind and says positively as to how much the public sector will be encouraged and how the private sector and the monopolies will be checked we will be in a very great difficulty. I find a very sad tendency on the part of my friends opposite to still continue to speak in terms of the past. The things have changed and they are in the Government now. As the ruling party they have to place before the country immediately as to what their approach is in regard to various policies of the Government. They cannot go on arguing that they are going to formulate their economic policy. Because their party has won elections I will call it a big party if not a great party. It should be ready in regard to the basic problems like tenancy reforms, land reforms, role of public sector vs private sector etc. Their total silence is rather strange. I would not ex-

pect the Government to keep silence for long

In regard to the Constitution amendments I would like to say a few words. It is true that the ruling party has a mandate today to restore fundamental rights to the people. But it is also true that there was the election in 1971. When our party went to the people in 1971 for a mandate whatever the mistakes that might have been committed later on as to whether social and economic changes should wait upon the discretion of the judiciary we won as much as you won this time.

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE It was a mandate for five years. It expired on the 18th March 1976. The Constitution (Forty-Second Amendment) Bill was passed after the expiry of the mandate. (Interruptions) You did not do anything before 18th March 1976. After that you had no moral right to do anything.

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA The 1971 mandate clarified that the people wanted progressive measures in the field of land reforms, tenancy reforms and economic and social changes. All this could not be done with a reactionary judicial system. While we do not say that the mandate extends to this day, the point is that our party continued to believe in that type of thing. Therefore in spite of a mandate that has been given to you to restore fundamental rights to the people, they would like to have a progressive Parliament capable of implementing urgent social reforms without being hampered by the judicial, political and economic set up. I am saying that with a specific object. When it comes to the question of amending the Constitution, my party will consider each amendment on its merits as to which is essential to the political and the economic life of the country and what is essential to the

progress of the country and what is not essential.

Regarding defections which have now been upgraded to the term "realignment of political forces" I think this is a see-saw struggle between the ruling party and the Opposition in which it suited somebody to take advantage of defection and it suited somebody not to take advantage of defection. We are not afraid of defections. I am not saying that I object to defections as such. The people whom we select or you select defect whenever power goes from one party to another party. They are not even good human beings.

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE How do you explain your own defection to the then ruling party?

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA When did I defect to the then ruling party?

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE You belonged to the Socialist Opposition; you changed over to the then ruling party.

SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA I never was elected to any Legislature. I am not going to give any explanations personally, but I may say that when I joined the Congress I was not a Member of the Legislature. That is the position and I think people have a right to think over their fundamental approach to the country and change.

But today defection has been upgraded to 'realignment'. I warn my friends on this side and those on the opposite side not to take it very easily. Once you call defection as realignment of forces, you may not stop anywhere. It is not for you to realign the forces; it is for the country to realign the forces. There is always a possibility that directions may change and there may be a realignment of forces in the country, but this sort of 'monkey jumping from one side to the other' must not be upgraded as 'realignment of forces'. Today I don't think the party system in

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India reflects the sort of right and left orientation in our politics that is projected from the Government side. It is not true that in the Party system there is a right or left orientation. That orientation has to come and there should be a realignment of forces at some time in the history of India, but this is not the time for that realignment. We, on our part have solid support for our Party and we want to stand by it rock-like. My Party is committed to policies which are leftist policies, socialist policies and in spite of whatever our Leaders are said to have done and whatever aberrations may have taken place we will stand by our Party and will continue to lead the revolutionary masses of India towards progress.

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सभापति महोदय, जब प्रवास जो बार-बार वह चुके हैं कि प्रोम्वलीज के चुनाव तुरन्त होने चाहिये। यदि वास्टीट्पुन में प्रमेंडमेंट न हुआ होता और इनकी साइक 6 साल न हुई होती, तो बैसे भी ये इलैक्शन ड्यू थे। हमारी पार्टी इन बात को मानती है कि संविधान में जो तज्जीनिया हुई है उनको रद्द किया जाय, यदि यह रद्द हो जाय तो फिर कोई बजह नहीं है कि हम चुनाव अनिवार्य रूप से न कराएँ। क्योंकि यू०पी०, बिहार, पंजाब, मध्य प्रदेश, पाञ्चस्थान, तमाम भूखों में भाज कांग्रेस के साथ जनता नहीं है, ऐसी समस्या में इन प्रोम्वलीज को वायम रद्द करने का कोई हक नहीं है उनकी 5 साल की साइक पूरी हो चुकी है—इसलिये मैं चाहता हूँ कि ये चुनाव शीघ्र से शीघ्र होने चाहिये। मैं आशा करता हूँ कि हमारा प्राइम मिनिस्टर संविधान में प्रमेण्डमेंट पेश करके प्रमेण्डनिया में जन्म से जन्म चुनाव कराने की व्यवस्था करेगा ताकि जनता की इच्छा पूरी हो सके।

मैंने एंड्रेस पर कुछ प्रमेण्डमेंट्स भेजे थे। शायद वे समय पर नहीं आ सके, इन विषे एग्जेंटा में नहीं छपे। लेकिन मैं उनके सम्बन्ध में कुछ बातें कहना चाहता हूँ। हमारी

एपीकल्पर प्राइम बहुत थोड़ी है—यह बात मात्र ही गई है और बादल साहब ने ऐमान भी किया है कि वह जल्दी ही गेहूँ की कीमत बढ़ाने वाले हैं। मैं चाहता हूँ कि एपीकल्पर की भब कोई पैदावार इम्पोर्ट न की जाय, क्योंकि हम अपने देश में जब इम्पोर्ट करते हैं, वह बहुत महंगे भव पर करना पड़ता है, अगर हम प्राइम बढ़ा कर इम्पोर्ट प्राइम में घटाकर अपने निगानों को दें और ताम पटुचाये तो फिर कोई बजह नहीं है कि हमारी जरूरतें अपने देश में ही पूरी न हों। हमारा निगान बहुत ज्यादा पैदा करेगा और हमारे देश में कोई बमी नहीं होगी।

नेशनल गवर्नमेंट ने जलकुण्डी योजना के बारे में हमारे मंत्री लोग बात करने गये थे। यह योजना बहुत पुराना है और इनको अगर पूरा कर दिया जाय तो राप्ती नदी के भयंकर फ्लड्स रक गारते हैं जिन से हर साल बहुत नुक्सान होता है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि इस योजना को फौरन कार्यान्वित किया जाए। जब यह योजना पूरी हो जाएगी तो राप्ती से जो बाढ़ घाती है और गोरखपुर बाँध हो जाता है, वह बचाई से बच जाएगा। इसलिए जलकुण्डी योजना बहुत आवश्यक योजना है और मैं चाहता हूँ कि नेशनल सरकार ने बात करके इस का पूरा किया जाए।

हमें आशा थी कि भीमालोटन से घाते वाली गड्ढा कनाल को रोहि रीवर के नीचे से साइपन के जरिये में इस गड्ढा कनाल को फेरेन्डा गहनील तर से जाई जाएगी ताकि वहाँ पर कनाल का एक जाल बिछा दिया जाए और वहाँ के हर एक गांव में प्राव-पाशी हो सके और खेती की पैदावार बढ़ सके। मैं चाहता हूँ कि इस योजना को भी जल्दी से जल्दी पूरा किया जाए। जहाँ नहर न जा सके वहाँ नलकूप लगाए जायें।

इसके अलावा मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि हमारे देश में दूसरी सब से बड़ी काटेज

इंडस्ट्री खाण्डसारी की इंडस्ट्री है। गांधी जी ने इसको, पेट्रोलाइज किया था लेकिन इसके साथ बड़ा अन्याय किया गया है। हम अन्याय को दूर करने के लिए मैं चाहता हूँ कि इसके लिए एक्साइज ड्यूटी कम की जाए। प्रेसीडेंट के एड्रेस में इसके बारे में कुछ नहीं कहा गया है। यह इंडस्ट्री खास तौर से उत्तर प्रदेश में है और इसके रास्ते में बहुत सी बाधाएँ हैं। मैं चाहता हूँ कि इस इंडस्ट्री को संरक्षण दिया जाए और बाधाओं का दूर किया जाए। अगर ऐसा नहीं किया गया, तो इसमें लगे लाखों लोग बर्बाद हो जाएंगे। जार्ज परनेडोज साहब ने रेल हॉटाल में एक भाग रखी थी कि सारी इंडस्ट्रीज के अन्दर एक ही बराबर बेज रखा जाए। रेलवेमन की यह माँग थी लेकिन वह मानी नहीं गई। मैं चाहता हूँ कि एक साल इंडिया बेज पालिसी बनाई जाए और शूगर इंडस्ट्री में लगे मजदूरों के साथ जो अन्याय हुआ है, उसको दूर किया जाए। उनका न्यूनतम वेतन 430 रु० होना चाहिए और दूसरी जो इंडस्ट्रीज हैं जैसे कि स्टील, कोय, जूट, टेक्सटाइल, डाक वर्क्स आदि उनके बराबर उनके न्यूनतम वेजेज होने चाहिए। मैं चाहता हूँ कि एक साल इंडिया बेज पालिसी लागू की जाए और सब इंडस्ट्रीज के लिए वेजेज एक से रखे जाए।

बोनस जो पहले वर्क्स को सवा आठ परसेन्ट मिलता था, उसको भी कांग्रेस सरकार ने कम कर दिया है। यह मुनासिब नहीं है।

11 महीने काम करने पर 13 महीने का वेतन मिलना था लेकिन उसको बहुत कम कर दिया है। अगर मुनाफे के आधार पर इसको करना है, तो किसी इंडस्ट्री में अगर मुनाफा ज्यादा होता है तो 15 महीने की तनखाह मिले। वहाँ पर इन्होंने मुनाफे के 20 प्रतिशत में अग्रिम देने की लिमिट लगा दी है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि गुरानी जो पालिसी बोनस के बारे में थी, उसकी गुन सागू किया जाए।

डी० ए० के जो दो इन्स्टालमेंट्स से टूल गवर्नमेंट इम्प्लाइज के बाकी हैं वे फोरन दिये जायें। इसके अलावा एल० आई० सी० के साथ जो एग्सीमेंट किया गया था और वह पिछली गवर्नमेंट ने रद्द कर दिया था और उस के खिलाफ बानून बनाया था, उस एग्सीमेंट को फिर से बहाल किया जाए।

गुजरात हाईकोर्ट ने मजदूरों की तनखाह में बढ़ोतरी और बोनस के बारे में जो फैसला किया था, उसका ओ० एन० जी० सी० अपील में नहीं ला रही है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि नये मिनिस्टर साहब उसको फोरन अपील में लाएं।

एजुकेशन पर, विशेष कर नर्सरी स्कूलों और दूसरे स्कूलों पर बहुत कम रकम खर्च होती है। एजुकेशन पर हमें और अधिक रकम खर्च करनी चाहिए क्योंकि शिक्षा की उन्नति पर दूसरे क्षेत्रों की उन्नति भी निर्भर है। जब तक लोग पढ़ेंगे नहीं तब तक वे हमारे बँसे बँदेंगे। इसलिए सरकार शिक्षा पर दस गुना पैसा खर्च करे।

रेलवे स्टेशन पर जो बँस-इर्स हैं या घोंघे वाले हैं उनके ऊपर कार्टूकट्स होते हैं जो कि खोमचे वालों से पाच रुपये रोज ले लेते हैं। मैं चाहता हूँ कि हरेक स्टेशन पर बेंचमैन की कोम्पार्टिमेंट मोमपट्टीज बनायी जाए, ताकि ये मिडिलमैन हट सकें।

देहरादून में जो फोरेस्ट रिसर्च इन्स्टीट्यूट है वह धाटानामस बोर्डो होनी चाहिए। उसमें गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से जो दखन दिया जाता है वह नहीं दिया जाए। उसे पूरी तरह धाटो-नोमस बनाया जाए ताकि वह बाड़ी मारल काम करने साथ कर सके और देश में फारेस्ट्री की उन्नति हो।

कच्चे कोयला मिन माविनों के पास गन्ने का बाकी है जो कि घड़ा नहीं हो रहा है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि यह घड़ा हो। कोई ऐसा इन्वन्वन्स

[श्री० शिवरामानंद सरमेला]

हो जितने रुपये का काम रिक्तियों को भरा हो सके। मिल-मानिक मजदूरों को मजदूरी भी भरा नहीं करते हैं। इसके लिए सरकार को इन्तजाम करना चाहिए जितने कि मिल-मानिक शहर इट्पुड़ी को ठीक में चलाने और मजदूरों को उनकी मजदूरी भी समय पर मिलती रहे। शायद सरकार को मालूम नहीं है कि पन्द्रह-ग्यारह सदीने को पन्द्रहाह मिल-मानिकों के पास रुपये हुई है जो कि अभी तक भरा नहीं हुई है। यह भरा होनी चाहिए।

हमारे देश में बेरोजगारी की बड़ी जबरदस्त समस्या है। हमारे प्राथम मिनिस्टर ने कहा है कि हम इस समस्या को हल करेंगे। लेकिन मैं चाहूँ कि इसको पार-प्लानिंग पर हल किया जाए ताकि यह जो देश पर कीड़ा है यह दूर हो सके। कोई बजह मालूम नहीं पड़ती कि यह समस्या दूर न हो सके। मैं चाहूँ कि इसे जल्दी से जल्दी हल किया जाए।

हमारी एन० ई० रेलवे के मिनिस्टर डिपार्टमेंट हमारे पास 830 मजदूर धार्य थे। उन्हें यह बजह थी कि रेल के पास पैसा नहीं है निबाल दिया गया है। मैं चाहूँ कि उन्हें फिर से बहाल किया जाए। उनमें रेलवे वाले कहते हैं कि हमारे पास पैसा नहीं है। उन्का उम. रेट पर बहुत फायदा है जिस रेट पर वे पहले काम करते थे।

इसी तरह में माइन्स के एक्टर काम करने वाले मजदूर भी मेरे पास धार्य थे। उन्हें भी निबाल दिया गया है। मैं चाहूँ कि उन्हें भी काम पर लगाया जाए। जबकि हम सब को बहाल कर रहे हैं तो कोई बजह मालूम नहीं होती कि उन्हें क्यों न बहाल किया जाए।

ये कुछ बातें मैंने आपके सामने रखी हैं। मैं धाशा करूँ कि ये बातें पूरी की जाएगी।

SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM (Thanjavur): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have great pleasure in speaking on the President's Address. As referred

to in the President's Address, I request the Government to bring comprehensive amendments to restore the balance of power between the people and Parliament, the Judiciary and the Executive, and the States and the Centre. I am sure, the proposed amendments may keep up the spirit of the effective federal character of the Constitution.

Then, Sir, with regard to family planning, it is essential for the welfare of the country, but the implementation of the programme should not be compulsory. It should be voluntary. We have to educate the people, convince the people and persuade them to accept it and in its implementation.

India is an agricultural country. For the last 30 years we adopted many developmental programmes in the field of agriculture. But now we are importing foodgrains from foreign countries. Why? We should not import foodgrains at the cost of exchequer. I request the Government to fix a steady, fair and remunerative price for the agricultural produce. This will help in raising the standard of living of the farmers. I will also request the government to arrange for timely supply of fertilisers and other agricultural inputs at reasonable price in order to minimise the cost of production of foodgrains.

I am sorry to note that in the Presidential Address, no mention has been made about the Inter-State disputes. In this connection, I request the government to take necessary steps to settle the Kaveri water dispute at an early date. The basic approach for settling the matter is that the supply of water to old avacuts should not be affected. The Central Government may revive the dialogue with the concerned State Governments and settle the Kaveri water dispute in accordance with the spirit of the 1924 Agreement.

In this connection, I would very much like that river waters should be

treated as national asset. We should not discriminate whether the *ayacut* belongs to Karnataka or whether it belongs to Tamil Nadu. When the Government take a decision, it should not affect any *ayacut*. The other thing I would like to request is that you may consider to amend the constitution so as to nationalise interstate rivers.

Lastly it has been observed over the past few years that Tamil Nadu is lagging behind in the matter of industrial development. Take the Salem steel plant. In regard to Salem steel plant a go-slow policy is being adopted by the government. I request the Government to speed up and implement the Salem steel project.

SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR (Joynagar) It is a great privilege for me to speak on the Presidential Address.

First of all I would like to congratulate our Acting President for his brief but bold speech. What he told may not be encouraging to many of us because you know the statement is so brief. But, at the same time his speech cannot be ignored. What he told, he told it courageously. He admitted that the atrocities committed on the people were abundant. In the Congress regime the miseries were untold. These are the admissions of our Acting President. So I want to thank him for that.

I want to highlight about corruption. So many cases of corruption have come for discussion. Janata Party has assured the House that the cases will be looked into and enquiry would be made if necessary. This is really good. But I want to emphasise about the corruption in the political field.

The latest election has proved that democracy has taken its root in the masses. At the same time we should not forget that corruption has also taken its root into the masses. This

is the contribution of the last 30 years regime in India. We could not achieve very concrete results so far as raising of character is concerned. I would like to emphasise that if democracy has taken its root in the masses, corruption has also taken its root in the masses. This corruption should be eradicated. Now, the question is how to do it? I would like to give a suggestion. We representatives of 600 million people have to submit the Return within 30 days. We shall be giving the same in the next few days when we go back to our constituency. I want to say that the Return would be infructuous because the limit prescribed by the Representation of Peoples Act is not pragmatic. In most of the cases the limit has been crossed. The Return which we are going to give is to some extent a mockery. Let us devise some sort of method so that corruption is checked. I would like to say that the Representation of Peoples Act should be completely amended so that the people cannot exercise their right by means of money or with the force of money. My humble suggestion is that the entire election cost should be borne by the Government.

We are very proud to say that we are a Socialist Government. We are proud that we are thinking of socialism. But the election system in our country is not at all congenial to socialism. It is almost capitalistic. First of all, I would request all the leaders present here to think over the matter. Our great leader Shri Jaya Prakash Narayan had appointed a Committee. I had acquaintance with Prof. Tarkunde. I met him. He had made suggestions in a booklet. But the suggestions were contradictory.

There is a simple formula by which we can eliminate all the expenditure. I am just explaining by giving an example. Suppose in a Constituency three persons contest. There should be one poster in which the names, symbols and the parties names may

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be given. These posters should be got printed by the Government. The posters may be given to the Gram Panchayat for displaying in conspicuous places. In this way the expenditure on the posters can be saved.

Likewise the identity cards or voter slips which we give to every voter can be got printed and can be distributed by the Gram Panchayats.

Rigging can easily be avoided if the polling agent puts his signature on the ballot paper before giving it to the person concerned for voting. So rigging can be avoided very easily and there are very many simple procedures which can easily be adopted. Corruption in election will disappear if we do not allow money to play its part. This is very important and we have to see that money does not play any part in election or in any election of public institutions. I think the Government and opposition leaders will sit together and think on the necessary changes to be made in the Representation of People Act. I think some clauses are going to be changed. The hon. President has made a reference to this in his Address. But that is not enough. The whole of the Representation of People Act should be remodelled. Provision has to be made whereby money will not play any role. At present the Government bears 70 per cent of the election expenditure. Why should we allow political parties to incur this sort of fabulous expenditure? If we are really to bring in socialism we should not indulge in such large scale expenditure as the capitalist countries are doing. This is my humble submission.

I want to plead for the creation of a new ministry for Backward areas. There is great disparity between one taluk and another even from one police station area to another police station area. Such great disparities are there in a vast country like ours. Regarding Grijans and Tribals and

other backward communities, I feel that they are still in darkness and no concrete improvements have taken place in their living condition. So I want to suggest that there should be a Ministry of Backward Areas and Communities. This should be under the direct charge of the Prime Minister if we sincerely believe that socialism is the remedy. These people have been exploited for thousands of years and various provisions of the Constitution are aimed at helping these people but nothing concrete has emerged so far.

As a member of the Committee of Scheduled Castes and Tribes I have toured throughout the country. We have examined various departments and organisations but upto this day nothing concrete has been done. So, I request that this must be thought of by the Prime Minister and this Ministry should be created for this specific purpose.

Regarding the eradication of poverty, in the last election, Mrs. Indira Gandhi announced the slogan which was popularly called *garibi hatao*. If you really want to bring in socialism it is very necessary to root out poverty from rural areas. I personally made some interesting studies on this issue in Sundarbans area which is a most inaccessible and backward area of our country.

Here we started helping the marginal and sub-marginal farmers. They are emotional people and have many complexes and so they should be taken proper care of. Operational research project has to be taken to all backward areas. In this area, the hands of Dr. Swaminathan who has been entrusted with these projects should be strengthened. I personally feel that he is the person—an able scientist—who is trying to touch the problems of the people by undertaking such an operational research project and so I request the Minister through you that his hands should be strengthened.

I would request the Agriculture Minister and the hon Prime Minister to take all-out efforts for going ahead with the research and extension work for any development of backward areas. Every region has its own limitations and its own resources and also its own capabilities. These should be identified first. Unless we do that, nothing can be done to develop the area. So far as the Planning Commission is concerned it requires to be reoriented and remodelled.

Lastly, I want to add a few lines so far as my own area is concerned Sir, I belong to a district called Twenty-four Parganas. And you will be astonished to know that this has a population of more than 85 lakhs. One portion of my district is completely backward. But, in spite of that this has not been taken as a backward area.

When I was a Member in the Fifth Lok Sabha, at that time, Shri Mohan Dharua was the Planning Minister. He assured me then this district would be divided into two parts on the floor of the House. But, so far, that has not been done. I, therefore, request the present government to ask the State Government concerned to give its suggestions immediately so that this district could be divided into two parts. No special attention has been given to the portion called Sunderbans. Unless this is done no technological development of the area is possible. Sir, this area is surrounded by water. The length of creeks and canals is 731 miles and the whole area is protected by embankments to the extent of 2200 miles. Though this area consists of jungles, yet, human beings are living there. And nobody has taken any care about them. The West Bengal Government has set up a Sunderbans Development Board. It is a political consolation. But, nothing has been done by them in the matter of development of this area. I would

request the present Government to take proper care of this area.

With these few words—I do not want to encroach on your valuable time—I convey my thanks to the Acting President for his speech delivered the other day to both Houses of Parliament.

डा० बलदेव प्रकाश (अमृतसर) सभा-पति महोदय, राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण पर जो धन्यवाद-प्रस्ताव सदन में उपस्थित किया गया है मैं उसका समर्थन करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूँ।

राष्ट्रपति ने अपने अभिभाषण में ठीक ही कहा है कि गन पौने दो सार्गों में इस देश में जो प्रतिबन्ध लगाये गये थे, जा तानाशाही लाद दी गई थी और शहरी आजादी को खत्म करन के लिए जो कदम उठाये गये थे, उनको समाप्त किया जायेगा, और उनको समाप्त किया भी जा रहा है। आज ही सदन में दो बिल पेश किये गये हैं, जिनके द्वारा अश्वारो में त शान्तिन प्राप्तियनक सामग्री प्रकाशित करने और ससद् की गतिविधियों को प्रकाशित करने पर प्रतिबन्ध उठाये गये हैं। अन्य दिशाओं में भी ऐसी ही कार्यवाही की गई है।

प्रतिपक्ष में बैठे हुए जो मेरे मित्र हैं, आज उनके भाषण सन कर आश्चर्य होता है कि क्या ये वही सन्जन हैं, जो, आज से कुछ महीने पहले इसी लोकसभा में जब लोकतन्त्र की हत्या हो रही थी, जब शहरी आजादी समाप्त हो रही थी, जब गीता में लाखों आदमियों को जेलों में भरा जा रहा था, तब उन वाता का समर्थन कर रहे थे और आज वे माननीय सदस्य लोकतन्त्र की दुहाई दे रहे हैं और शहरी आजादी के बारे में कह रहे हैं। मैं श्री चव्हाण के शब्दों को बबोट करना चाहता हूँ। प्रतिपक्ष के नेता चौहान साहब ने कहा कि वे व्यक्तिगत स्वतन्त्रता, इंडिविडुअल लिबर्टी के हक में हैं, वे लोकतन्त्र के हक में हैं। वह कौनसी इंडिविडुअल लिबर्टी है जिसमें लाखों आदमियों

[उ. वरदेन प्र वास]

को मिला जैसे कानून के अन्दर बन्द रखा जाय, अदालत का दरवाजे बन्द कर दिए जायें और अद्वारा में नाम न आ सके ? वह कौन सी व्यक्तिगत स्वतन्त्रता है ? प्रतिपक्ष के नेता को कौनसी बात ठीक है ? उनकी धात्र को बाध ठीक है या धात्र स मान भर छ महीन पहल श्री बाध ठीक है ?

धात्र उच्छ्रयलता के बारे में क्या गया कि देश के अन्दर उच्छ्रयलता नहीं होनी चाहिए । उच्छ्रयलता का प्रारम्भ कहाँ से जाता है ? जब देश ५ ऊपर राज करने वाले नेता धात्रों का छात्र हैं मान्यता को भूल जायें, परम्परागत की हत्या कर दें, कानून का नाश कर दें तो देश ६ अन्दर उच्छ्रयलता पैदा होती है, विरोध पैदा होता है, विरोध पैदा होता है । यही हुआ । इस देश ७ अन्दर जब भूतपूर्व प्रधान मन्त्री इन्दिरा गांधी ने खिलाफ रिट पेटीशन स्वीकार कर ली गई, उनको डिस्चार्जिफाई कर दिया गया तो क्या हुआ ? क्या कानून के आगे फिर झुकाया गया ? क्या कानून को माना गया ? क्या कानून की इज्जत की गई ? प्रतिपक्ष में बैठे हुए मेरे इन्हीं मित्रों ने उस समय यह कहा कि ऐसे कानून बदल देंगे जो कानून इन्दिरा गांधी को इस कुर्सी पर बैठने से रोकता हो और वह कानून बदला गया, वह विधान बदला गया जिस बात से एक अमंदार धात्रों की गर्दन शर्म से झुक जानी चाहिए । उस समय इसी देश ८ अन्दर बेशर्मी का वह नया नाच हुआ जिसमें उच्छ्रयलता ही पैदा हो सकती है, विरोध ही पैदा हो सकता है । क्या हुआ उस समय ? सारे प्रान्तों से बसा मैं और दूकों में भर भर कर लोग को लाया गया । यहाँ पर किराये दिए गए । यहाँ पर भगड़े डाले गए । जजों की मरिया बना कर जमायी गई । यह कानून की इज्जत देश ९ उस समय का नेताओं ने की । कहा गया कि हम अपने जजों को नहीं रहने देंगे, हम ऐसे कानून का नहीं रहने देंगे, हम ऐसे विधान को नहीं र ने देंगे । इस तरह की बेशर्मी का नया नाच देश

को जनता ने सामने रखा । धात्र बड़ी प्रतिपक्ष के नेता श्रीमती के बारे में कहते हैं, इन्हीं धात्र मोहनन्द की रोहार्ई देने हैं और यह बताने हैं कि क्या होता चाहिए क्या नहीं जाना चाहिए ।

मैं आपसे सामने यह रखना चाहता हूँ कि एक व्यक्ति को कुर्सी बचाने के लिए सब कुछ हुआ । यहाँ पर कहा गया प्रतिपक्ष के द्वारा कि व्यक्ति से देश ऊँचा है और पाटिया स भी दग ऊँचा है । यह सरासर गलत है । यह सब कुछ क्यों हुआ ? क्या देश के लिए हुआ ? विधान क्या बदला गया ? क्या देश के लिए बदला गया ? विधान एक व्यक्ति के लिए बदला गया । हाँ, व्यक्ति से देश ऊँचा है और पाटिया में देश ऊँचा है यह अगर किसी ने सिद्ध किया तो इस तरफ बैठे हुए जनता पार्टी के सदस्यों ने सिद्ध किया बिनाहो इस देश के हित के लिए धात्री पाटिया समाप्त कर दें, धात्रने सबे उतार डालें और धात्रने विधान बदल दें । मतलब मतलब विचारधारामें के होते हुए भी जनता के हित के लिए, देश के हित के लिए धात्री मतलब-मतलब विचारधारामें का बलिदान करने जो धात्र एक पार्टी में बैठे हुए हैं वे कह सकते हैं कि देश पाटियों से ऊँचा है । प्रतिपक्ष में बैठे हुए नेता नहीं कह सकते हैं ।

17 hrs.

इसकी बात पर विश्वास कौन करेगा ? कब तक जो कहते हैं कि सजय गांधी में रोजनी मिलनी है, कब तक जो सजय गांधी के बूट साफ करते हैं, लाइन लगा कर उसकी कार का दरवाजे खोला करते हैं वही लोग धात्र कह रहे हैं कि सजय गांधी को कांग्रेस में बाहर निकालना चाहिए । मुझे एक कादेसी मित्र भ्रमवसर में मिले । मैंने कहा कि बाकिर चापलूमी की भी कोई हद होती है, कोई सीमा होती है तो वे मुझ से कहने लगे कि मैं तो बहुत छात्रा धात्री हूँ, मेरो क्या बात करते हैं, बम्बई की एक जनसभा के अन्दर सजय गांधी की चप्पल गुम हो गई । चप्पल गुम होने का बाद वहाँ के मुख्य मन्त्री चप्पल हाथ में लिए दूध

रहे हैं और आवाज दे रहे हैं कि सजय साहब, आप की चप्पल मेरे पास हैं। .. (व्यवधान)

तो इनकी किस बात पर विश्वास किया जाये, किस बात पर विश्वास न किया जाये। पञ्जाब में मैं जेल में था। पञ्जाब में कानून के मन्त्रियों ने भाषण दिया कि यह वह नौजवान हैं जिनसे हम रोकथाम मिलनी चाहिए। आज वही नौजवान हैं, वही नेता हैं, वही लोग हैं जो कह रहे हैं कि इन चारों आदमियों को कांग्रेस से निकालना चाहिए। आज उनकी प्रेडिजिलिटी, विश्वसनीयता समाप्त हो गई है क्योंकि उन्होंने वह कारनामे किए हैं जिनका अंगरेजों में वर्ण करने लगे तो पता लगेगा कि क्या कुछ हुआ है। जब क्रमशः लगी तो देश के नेताओं को पकड़ कर जेल के घेरे में रखा गया। किसी को अंगरेजों से पकड़ा गया तो शाम तक पता नहीं कि क्या हो रहा है। हमने एस पी से पूछा कि क्या खुल गया है, किस दफा में पकड़ा गया है तो उन्होंने कहा कि अभी दफा का पता नहीं है, जुर्म का पता नहीं है, चण्डीगढ़ से दिल्ली की होम मिनिस्ट्री की बातचीत हो रही है, जब ऊपर से डायरेक्शन आयेगा तभी दफा लगाई जायेगी। (व्यवधान)। शाम तक एस पी ने बताया, इस्पेक्टर ने बताया कि हमारी गद्दन शर्म से झुक रही है, आप लोगों पर जो बेश बनाने जा रहे हैं उसकी कोई बुनियाद नहीं है, उसका कोई आधार नहीं है। किसी एक व्यक्ति से दरदवास्त ले कर फलानी जगह पर फलानी आदमी कह रहा था कि गाड़ी उलट दो, हम डो आइं आर में आप पर बेश बना रहे हैं लेकिन हम मजबूर हैं क्योंकि हमारी नीकरी का सवाल है। क्या यही इस देश का राज चलाने का तरीका है? क्या इसी तरह से इस देश में लोकतन्त्र चलेगा? क्या इसी तरह से यह देश उन्नति करेगा? मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि इस तरह की बातें दोहराई न जा सकें इसलिए इनकी इस्वायरी होनी चाहिए। हम लोग जेल में गए इसका हमें कोई दुःख नहीं है। अंगरेजों के लिए 19 महीने तो क्या 19 साल भी

जेल में रहना पड़े तब भी जनता पार्टी का कोई व्यक्ति परहेज नहीं करेगा। लेकिन जिन्होंने बान्धन की हत्या की है, जिन्होंने इस तरह के कारनामे किए हैं उनकी इस्वायरी भां होनी चाहिए। मैं आपको बताना चाहता हूँ भ्रमभूतसर जेल में एक आनन्द मार्ग के स्कूल टीचर पकड़ कर लाये गए, उन पर उन्होंने 302 का बेश बनाया। जो पुलिस सब इस्पेक्टर या वह रोक कर कहा था कि बिल्कुल गलत बेश है, झूठा है, बेबुनियाद है लेकिन मरी मजबूरी है मैं 302 के अलावा और कोई दफा नहीं दे सकता। पता नहीं कौन मरा और कहा से लाश ले आये। अभी तक बेश चल रहा है। लोग जेलों में पड़े हैं। मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ यह सरकार का काम है? इतना झूठ, इतना परेश कि एक निर्दोष व्यक्ति पर हत्या का बेश बनाया जाये, क्यों और किस लिए? आज जनता यह सब बातें जान चुकी है। जब मैं जेल में था, प्रधान मंत्री के बयान आते थे कि सभी लोग छोड़ दिए गए हैं। इतना फरेब और झूठ इस देश में चला। तो उन सभी भ्रष्टाचारों की जांच होनी चाहिए। जेलों में लोगों की मृत्यु हुई है। चण्डीगढ़ के हमारे बार एसोसिएशन के प्रधान श्री लखन पाल की मृत्यु जेल में हुई और साम दूसरे लोगों की हुई। अभी अभी एक फिल्म अभिनेत्री, स्नेहलता की ऐसी सिचुएशन में मृत्यु हुई जिसकी कहानी सुन कर हृदय वरणा से भर जाता है। आज जनता पार्टी की सरकार बनी है, मैं मांग करता हूँ कि जिन अपराधियों में जिन मन्त्रियों का आदेश पर यह भ्रष्टाचार इस देश की जनता पर किया है उनकी विधिक इस्वायरी होनी चाहिए और उनको सजा भुगतनी चाहिए। उनको जेलों में भेजना चाहिए। मौसा में नहीं बर्खास्त बाबायदा बान्नी कार्यवाही करके उनको जेल भेजना चाहिए।

.. मैं एक बात और कहना चाहता हूँ। चण्ण साहब ने कहा कि हमने हार मान ली और उससे सबक सीख रहे हैं लेकिन

[डा बलराव प्रसाह]

42वां मंत्रिपरिषद् मन्त्राध्यक्ष बनसि हो यह 13 हम मज़ूर नहीं है। जनता के सामने जनत विनकुल साधन य और जनता का फ़ैमला, जन। का निर्णय, जनता का पतन विनकुल साधन है—जनता ने एमरजेंसी के विरुद्ध में वोट दिया है, इस बात का नानुन के विरोध में वां दिया है जनता ने 42वां मन्त्राध्यक्ष के विराध में वोट दिया है। हम देश की जनता का फ़ैमला समझिये है, वगैर शक-व-गुबारे के है। ये सामने बैठे हुए साग उम का वापस जन को तैयार नहीं है लेकिन देश को 62 करोड़ जनता की अधानन न ता फ़ैमला किया है, हम देश को उम फ़ैमला का मानना पड़ेगा। आज नहीं ता वन 12 का मन्त्राध्यक्ष रक्ष होगा और जनता पार्टी इन का रक्ष करार कर लगे। अगर जनता न यह फ़ैमला न किया होगा, ता भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री इस स्थान से उठकर घर वापस न गई होती। अदालत के पिछले फ़ैमला को उन्होंने ठुकराया, उन्होंने वापस वापस रहने के लिये देश का ही बदन डाला, लेकिन वे कुछ नहीं कर सकी और उन को छाड़ कर जाना पडा, इतना ही नहीं कि यहां से उठ कर उधर जानी उन का इस भवन से ही भाग जाना पडा, क्योंकि इस देश जनता ने जा फ़ैमला दिया था उस को बदला नहीं जा सकता था, उस फ़ैमला के खिलाफ कोई अदालत स्टे नहीं दे सकती थी, उस के खिलाफ निर्णय नहीं दे सकती थी—इसलिये कि वह 62 करोड़ जनता का फ़ैमला था।

एक माननीय सदस्य प्रश्न मंत्री ने गोखले माहव का उत्तरजन इसी आधार पर सजा था।

डा० बलदेव प्रकाश जी हा, गोखले माहव का उत्तरजन इसी आधार पर सजा गया था, लेकिन आज जनता का फ़ैमला राष्ट्रपति मान दि वाल है, दीवार पर लिखा गया फ़ैमला है। आज कोई सदस्य चाहे उधर बैठे या उधर बैठे—अगर हम मानते

हैं कि जनता मुभीम है तो जनता का फ़ैमला भी मुभीम है—यह बात हम को माननी पड़ेगी।

समानति महोदय, हम ने अपने घोषणा पत्र में कुछ बातें कही हैं—आज हमें उन को पूरा करना है। हमें समानता लानी पड़ेगी, जीवन के हर क्षेत्र में लानी पड़ेगी। 30 साल का वापस सरकार की हुकूमत के दौरान समानता नहीं आई, विपमता बढ़ी है। गरीब ज्यादा गरीब हुआ है और अमीर ज्यादा अमीर हुआ है। जीवन के किंगी भी क्षेत्र को ले ल लिये—जिम के पाम पैसा है, उम का सभी साधन और मुख उल्लव्य है। मामूली भी तकलीफ के लिये अमीर आदमी 500-600 रुपये राज खर्च कर सकता है, बड़े-बड़े डाक्टरों की मवायें प्राप्त कर सकता है, लेकिन एक गरीब आदमी, जिस के पाम पैसा नहीं है, उम को अस्पताल में भी घुसने मिनते हैं, जमीन पर पड़े रहने के लिये भी जगह नहीं मिलती है। पिछले तीस सालों में कांग्रेस सरकार ने इस दिशा में कुछ नहीं किया। मैं जनता पार्टी की सरकार से माग करता हू कि जीवन के हर क्षेत्र में सममानता का दूर किया जाए। शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में आज अमीर आदमी का बच्चा बड़े बड़े पब्लिक स्कूलों में जा कर पढ़ सकता है, लेकिन एक गरीब आदमी आज टाट पर भी बैठा कर अपने बच्चों को नहीं पढ़ा सकता—पिछले तीस सालों में यही असमानता पैदा हुई है। हम ने जनता से वापदा किया है इस लिये मैं अपनी सरकार से कहन चाहता हू कि हमें यह वापदा पूरा करना पड़ेगा।

हम न अपन प्रेसिडेंट के एड्रेस में कहा है कि पिछले 30 सालों में भूतपूर्व सरकार पीने का पानी भी मुहिया नहीं कर सकी है। मैं आप के सामने एक चिट्ठी रखना चाहता हू जा होशियारपुर कास्टीकुएन्सी के एक गांव में आई है, पंचायत के सारे मेम्बरो ने उस पर दस्तखत किये हैं और उस के साथ ही उन्होंने

पानी को एक शीशी में भर कर भेजा है ताकि उसे देश की सर्वोच्च संस्था के सामने पेश किया जाय और आप को यह मालूम हो सके कि हमारे वच्चे किस तरह का पानी पीकर स्वस्थ जाते हैं, इस से उन के शरीर में कितना इन्फ़ेक्शन होता होगा, कितनी बीमारियाँ पैदा होंगी होगी। उन्होंने यह पत्र प्रधान मंत्री जी को लिखा है इस की एक प्रति में हाउस ऑफ़ टेबिल पर रखना चाहना है और यह माग करता है कि जनता पार्टी थोड़े-थोड़े समय में जनता को पीने का पानी उपलब्ध कराये और मुझे विश्वास है कि यह काम अवश्य होगा—इसी आशा से मैं इस बात को यहां पर कह रहा हूँ।

सभापति महोदय, यहां पर कुछ बातें हमारे कर्मचारियों के सम्बन्ध में बड़ी गई हैं—विशेष कर कम्पलसरी डिपोजिट स्कीम के बारे में। अभी तक इस के बारे में सरकार की तरफ से किसी नीति की घोषणा नहीं की गई है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि सरकार इस के बारे में जल्द में जल्द अपनी नीति स्पष्ट करे और इस कम्पलसरी डिपोजिट को फौरन समाप्त किया जाय। बोनस के बारे में आप की नीति स्पष्ट होनी चाहिये, क्योंकि इस बारे में हम अपनी जनता के साथ, कर्मचारियों के साथ वचनबद्ध हैं।

सभापति महोदय, मैं अपनी सरकार को बधाई देना चाहता हूँ इस लिये कि जिन रेल कर्मचारियों की विवटिमाइज किया गया था जिनका नौकरी से निकाल दिया गया था—मुझे अमृतसर के बारे में मालूम है, उनके परिवारों की बहुत बुरी हालत हुई थी—उन सब को नौकरी में बहाल किया गया है। पोस्टल डिपार्टमेंट में सब को बहाल किया है लेकिन एक बात और कहना चाहता हूँ कि हमारी प्रान्तीय सरकारों में भी अपने महत्व के बूत से लोगों का इसी तरह से निष्पन्नित किया है, इसी तरह से निष्पन्नित है। उनको हीन महसूस करेगा? प्रान्तों में अभी तक फ़ैक्टरी की सरकारें हैं वे अभी तक बिजने-

माइजेशन पर तुली हुई हैं। मैं सरकार को बताना चाहता हूँ कि अमृतसर इन्फ़ेक्शन ट्रस्ट के सारे कर्मचारियों को, जिनको अभी रिटायर होने में समय बाकी था, इमर्जेंसी लगते ही अवसर रिटायर कर दिया डिस्मिस कर दिया गया आज जब वे लोग न्यायालय में गये हुए हैं हमारी सरकार की तरफ से उन पक्षों की तरफ से सभी प्रान्तीय सरकारों को जागरूक बनाया चाहिये, हिदायतें जानी चाहिये कि जिन लोगों को इमर्जेंसी के दौरान अवसर रिटायर कर दिया गया था उन के कैमेज को दोबारा एम्प्लॉय कर के उन को बहाल किया जाय।

सभापति महोदय, याजनाभा के बारे में यहां पर कहा गया है और प्रिन्सिपल मित्र हम से बार-बार यह माग कर रहे हैं कि हम बताएं कि हम न उन पात्र मानें जिन्होंने बोनस की नीति, बोनस योजना बना कर रखी है हालांकि वित्त मंत्री महोदय न विचकल स्पष्ट कह दिया था कि सरकार का बजट हफ़ केवल 3 दिन ही टूट है और अभी कोई नई योजना, कोई नई प्रोजेक्ट हम हाउस के सामने नहीं रख सकते हैं। बाद में योजनाएं बनेंगी और ऐसी योजनाएं बनेंगी जिनसे जनता के हित में होंगी। लेकिन एक बात मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि अब तक जिन योजनाओं पर इन को बताना है वे क्या हैं। वे हैं इन का 20 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम और 5 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम, जिस का मैंने मुनत हमारे नान पर गये हैं। वह इन का आर्थिक प्रोग्राम है जोकि टांग और परे। के अभाव और कुछ नहीं है। हर आदमी के उम्र के लिए स्कीमों से ली जाती थी और बड़ा बड़ा पीटा जाता था कि पन्ना एम्प्लॉयमेंट ने इस का समर्थन किया है, रिवायलान ने इस का समर्थन किया है और पता नहीं किम किम के समर्थन का इन्फ़ेक्शन बड़ा पीटा है। मुबहु से ज्ञापन तक यही बात मुनाई देनी थी। पहले 4 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम था और 20 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम था। ये दोनों मिल कर बन गये 420 प्रोग्राम। बाद में बार से पांच प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम हो गया और इस का इन्फ़ेक्शन अब मन्थन में बना दिया

[ड० बलराम प्रसाद]

था। जेपा के अन्दर एक यह भी बात हो गई थी कि पुलिस जिस को पकड़ कर जेल के अन्दर ले जाती थी उस से कहलवा लेती थी कि मैं बन्दरवाली का समर्थक हूँ और मैं 20 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम में विश्वास रखता हूँ थड़ा रखता हूँ और उस के बाद उस की रिहाई हो जाती थी। इस तरह से बहुत सारे आदमियों को पकड़ा गया और छाड़ दिया गया। एक आदमी मजिस्ट्रेट साहब के सामने आया और उस ने कहा कि हुजूर मैं 30 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम को मानता हूँ। उस ने कहा कि 30 में से 20 प्वाइन्ट तो प्रधान मंत्री के हैं पांच उन के लड़के के हैं और पांच पोत के। आप मरी रिहाई करा। इसी आर्थिक प्रोग्राम को लेकर ये जनता के सामने आए थे और दो साला में इन्होंने यन्ती किया था। क्या दो साल के अन्दर इन से जनता का हित हुआ है यह आप बताएं। इन प्रोग्रामों से क्या लाभ हुआ था। अगर इन प्रोग्रामों से लाभ होता जैसा कि आप कहते हैं कि इन रिवंशे लीगा को दे दिये इतना किसानों को लोन दे लिया इतनी जमीन दे दी और इतने मकान दे दिये, तो जनता इस हुक्मन को इस तरह से उखाड़ न फेंकती और भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री को पूरी तरह से ठुकराया न होता। 20 प्वाइन्ट और 5 प्वाइन्ट प्रोग्राम को जनता ने इन चुनावों में गढ़ के अन्दर फेंक दिया है। जनता ने इस दांग को समर्थन दिया और उन लोगों को पूर्ण तरह ठुकरा दिया है।

अन्त में मैं यह कहता हूँ कि जनता पार्टी को भी लाया जा विश्वास प्राप्त करना होगा और जो कार्यक्रम, जो प्रोग्राम जनता पार्टी ने अपने घोषणा पत्र में दिये हैं उन सभी प्रोग्रामों का आन वापस पांच वर्षों में हम पूरा करने वाले हैं क्योंकि 6 साल की जगह पर 5 साल की लोक सभा की अवधि हम करने वाले हैं। आने वाले पांच सालों में मैं नारायणों को हम पूरा करना होगा।

समापति महोदय मैं एक बात और कहना चाहता हूँ। अगर ये प्रोग्राम पूरे नहीं हुए और जनता को विश्वास नहीं हुआ कि हम जो

कहते हैं वह नहीं कर रहे हैं। हमारी बयान और करनी में फर्क है। हम इमानदार नहीं रहें हैं। हम अपने स्वाय के लिए निजी स्वाय के लिए जनता को लूट लूट कर खा रहे हैं। अगर जनता को यह विश्वास हो गया तो समापति महोदय मैं आपसे कहता हूँ कि हम जनता पार्टी के लोग इन चुनौतियों पर बेगमों और डिगार्ड के साथ बिचने नहीं रहेंगे। हम जनता के साथ कह देंगे कि अब हमें छुट्टी दीजिए।

समापति महोदय मैं यह बात और यह शीघ्र ही आपकी अनुमति से समा पटल पर रखता हूँ।

MR CHAIRMAN You cannot lay it on the Table without my permission.

आप हमें मंत्री महोदय के पास भिजवा दें।

ड० ब० देव प्रसाद आन ही इस स्वागत मंत्री के पास भिजवान की कृपा करें।

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Idukki)
Mr Chairman, Sir the Address of the Vice President acting as President honestly left me disappointed. This Address does not contain anything worthwhile. In accordance with the convention, the President has spoken on behalf of the Government. But it is an accepted convention that when the President makes an Address, he does not make any defamatory or derogatory remarks about the previous Government. The President of India, the Rashtrapati, is a continuing institution. He represents the unity of the Nation, the continuing entity of the Nation and as and when the Governments come he speaks on behalf of that Government. Therefore it is a principle or convention generally followed that the Ministry does not make the President to speak in terms critical of the Government which he represented only a week back. But while going through this Address I find that this convention has been violated. The President has been

made to speak in derogatory terms with reference to the Government which he represented before the elections I wish this had convention was not set up by the Government in power. On the other hand the President is expected to give a picture of the state of the Nation as at present and is also expected to give certain indications of the lines of the policy which the Government will be following in the subsequent years. Now this Address is absolutely silent about both. We do not get any statement of what the state of affairs of the Nation today is on the economic front, on the international front and on the general condition prevailing in the country. Therefore what should have been a report of the state of the Nation that part as far as this Address is concerned is silent. Rather the President lays special emphasis on abrogation of certain acts and nothing more. Well, the Janata Party the leadership of Janata Party is not a sudden creation. They have their own ideas as to how the Government will be functioning and what the social and economic policies will be projected. Therefore the plea that they came to power only a few days back is not a valid plea of excuse or the commissions mention what the general policies will be.

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It means that they are completely blank in their minds as to what they are going to do tomorrow. When an Address of that type is presented it becomes difficult in consonance with conscience to express a Vote of Thanks to him. We can express a Vote of Thanks to the President only if the policies are spelt out and if the policies have found acceptance. No policies have been spelt out. There are four items which are emphasized, viz. that the Maintenance of Internal Security Act will be ab-

lished that the presentation of the Peoples Act will be amended that the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matters Act will be repealed and that legislation will be introduced to ensure that political and social organizations are not banned. Are these very momentous things are these momentous enough to find a place in the President's Address? Are these the only things which according to the Janata Party call for rectification? If these are the only things which according to the Janata Party call for rectification from out of the doings of the Congress in the course of the last six years then one must concede that the doings of the Congress have not been so bad as they are trying to make out.

In a Presidential Address which covers 4 pages this is all that is stated. Therefore I find it difficult to say that I thank the President for his state of the nation message. As a message to the nation as a statement of the condition of the nation this Address has completely failed.

As I said the Address should not have been critical about what the government did or to be more specific government should not have done the indecorous act of making the President criticize the government on which he himself presided. This is a thing which generally any President's Address would have avoided. But this convention is violated. I am here only to appeal that this dangerous precedent should not have been set up and should not be pursued. Here it is stated.

'The General Election just concluded has effectively and decisively demonstrated the power of the people the vitality of the democratic process in India and the deep root that it has taken.'

Well Sir it is a statement of fact. But this statement of fact has been made after every election. After all, Indian democracy did not fall from

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the blue Indian democracy has a dynamism of evolutionary growth. We started in this journey of democratic experiment from the day we knocked out as a republic. Election after election proved that Indian democracy has come to stay. Election after election the percentage of polling has been going up except for one year or so—and gradually mounting up. People have been becoming conscious. Verdict was being given and the Congress was being voted out of power. It is not for the first time. May be from the Centre it is. But in the different States during 1967—and before 1967 the Congress was being voted out of power. The Communist Parties which were being voted into power were being voted out of power. This shows that the Indian democracy has an in-built dynamism of its own.

Having stated that should not the Janata Party concede that the Congress has been guiding the destinies of this country—when I saw Congress I find many of my comrades on the other side they have been Congressmen and the only difference between them and us is this we are people believing in the destiny of this party, people believing in the destiny of the nation believing that this party can take the nation to its great destiny and some of us are holding back in the party whereas may be out of frustration and may be out of impatience some of our comrades have left the party and gone into some other party. But when you say that the democratic process has come to stay in this country you must concede that the Congress in the course of the last 30 years has been making its own contribution, to make democracy flourish in this country and that in spite of the Emergency being there whereunder the Congress could have delayed the elections under the law that was already passed the elections were ordered. (Interruptions)

It could have been delayed still further but the election was ordered.

That itself shows the deep faith of this nation, of which Congress is also a part like others are also parts and the contribution made by it for this democratic process.

It is stated that the people have given a clear verdict in favour of individual freedom, democracy and the rule of law. May I make a submission without being misunderstood? For one thing what exactly is the verdict I have my own doubts. Look here we on this side present a peculiar picture which you better try to understand and analyse. The entire Kerala is on this side so also the entire Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Then where is the clear verdict? I am not raising the north-south controversy far from it. The verdict has come and I for one agree the verdict is for individual freedom, for democracy.

But who violated the individual freedom? If you would bear with me I have only to quote the speech delivered by Babu Jagjivan Ram, when he moved the resolution before the House for the acceptance of the Proclamation of Emergency. I have got the entire speech with me here. In that speech he has put forward the charge that individual liberty was violated by the opposition that democracy was undermined by the opposition and that the fundamental rights were corroded by the opposition. Therefore according to him, in order to safeguard democracy to protect individual liberty resort to the provisions of the Constitution which permit the promulgation of emergency had become necessary. So these were the events which led up to that.

I for one fought the elections on the question of emergency. I wanted a verdict of the people on the basis of the emergency. All of us in Kerala campaigned on the basis of the emergency. We said that democracy is in danger by the movement which was

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 taking place in Bihar, where people were being harassed individual liberty was in jeopardy by the movement that was taking place in Gujarat. We said that by the threatened gherraoing of Parliament and the State Legislative Assembly, democracy was in jeopardy. So I asked the people whether gherraoing Parliament or the State Assembly is a democratic right or parading a Legislator in the streets and forcing him to resign his seat is a democratic right. Is not the individual liberty entitled to be protected against that sort of thing? If in order to protect that democracy and that individual liberty, resort to the provisions of the Constitution relating to the declaration of emergency had to be made would you or would you not accept that? That was the question which I put to the electorate.

When Shri Morarji Desai was asked a question after the election, how did it happen that the south gave a verdict different from that of the north, his reply was may be, rigours of emergency were not as severe or as great in the south as in the north. Therefore, what follows is that the emergency as such without those rigours was not opposed by the people. (interruptions) I do not know whether family planning or enforced sterilisation was part of the emergency. . . (interruptions) I entirely agree with the analysis of Shri Morarji Desai. Therefore, emergency for the purpose for which it was enforced was approved by the people. So, it was not a disapproval of the order of emergency. What the people revolted against, were certain actions which were taken under the cover of emergency in certain areas.

What I am saying is that I do approve of this statement, but for entirely different reasons. Government have published a statement to show that the people have condemned what followed emergency. According to me the people in my area accept-

ed the upholding of individual freedom the upholding of democracy, and were against the use of concerted force against democracy and the coercing of parliamentarians. According to the Government the people have given their verdict upholding and individual freedom, but they emphasize that it is following the emergency, but I am making the same charge against the opposition which operated before the emergency. I am not making a new statement, I am just reminding you of the statement that Babuji made on the floor of the House.

According to me, democracy cannot function if you gherao Parliament, if you offer hunger strike on the floor of the House, if you force legislators and parliamentarians to resign their posts, democracy cannot function if you call upon the people not to pay taxes to the Government elected by the people democracy cannot function if you use concerted force against the Government which has been elected by the people democracy can only function if there is discipline and acceptance of the verdict of the people.

People have given their verdict, they have elected you. We are behaving as a responsible opposition. Our contribution hereafter will be to demonstrate to the world how a responsible opposition must function. There will not be such incitements as were seen here in the last Parliament, those scenes which some of my friends will remember. From here there will not be those scenes. Hereafter there will be no necessity for MISA because the Congress is in the opposition. We do not believe in the sort of operation for the suppression of which MISA is necessary. If you do not resort to violence, if you do not resort to subversion to the use of terrorism, this sort of measure will not be necessary.

Therefore the condemnation of the people was of both sides. As far as I am concerned, as far as my area is

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concerned condemnation was of the sort of agitation that was brought about which necessitated the promulgation of the emergency. May be in some other areas it was condemnation of the misuse of the powers which the emergency gave. So I subscribe to the statement not in the sense that the Government does but in a different sense. Certainly upholding of individual liberty and democracy is sacred to the minds of the people. Whoever may violate it be it the opposition or the Government the people by their verdict have said that they shall not do it.

This was the issue which we honestly put forward in my constituency in our pamphlets and speeches. "Do you approve of the emergency as you know it or not?" And they have upheld the proposition.

The Address says

"The traumatic experience of the last two years during which many atrocities were committed on the people and they had to undergo untold sufferings."

Two years goes beyond the period of the emergency which was there for only 19 months. So I shall go further than that. Certainly atrocities were committed on the people and they had to undergo untold sufferings but at whose hands? You will say at the hands of the Government. I will say at the hands of the opposition, going behind the period of the emergency. In Bihar in Gujarat, in different areas untold sufferings were inflicted on the people by the concerted action of the opposition. By calling for a railway strike many things happened. This is our case. I am reiterating it. You created a situation in which resort to an extraordinary measure contemplated by the Constitution became necessary. Promulgation of an emergency if not an undemocratic act. If you say that promulgation of the emergency is an undemocratic act you are condemn-

ing the Constitution of India as undemocratic.

The Constitution provides for the proclamation of emergency in a particular situation. If the Constitution permits the proclamation of emergency in a particular situation, if you are going to condemn it, you will be entirely condemning the Constitution of India itself as undemocratic. The only question is whether it was justified under the circumstances prevailing then. The circumstances you have stated are that you will carry out the mandate given by the people. You have also stated that you are to fulfil, in every way the mandate given to you by the people. The mandate you have stated, is the rule of law. That is the mandate which you have stated. What do you mean by the rule of law? Let us say the rule of law is to withdraw a case against a person from the court. A dynamite case was before the court of law. The matter was before the court of law. It was under investigation. The case was started in Gujarat when the Congress Government was not in power. In Gujarat it was investigated dynamite was discovered and the evidence was collected. That case was put before the court. You believe in the rule of law but you had no difficulty to withdraw such a serious case from the court rather than abide by the verdict of the judiciary. You do not have the moral courage to face the judiciary. You ran away from the judiciary. Is it the rule of law or is it administrative arbitrariness? The other day you said that you will not indulge in which hint. Let every body remember that he is sitting in a glass house. We are not used to the practice of throwing mud on other people.

I have only one thing to say. I remember to have read that a woman was caught for adultery and brought before Christ. When some people said that she must be stoned the master said "He that is without sin among you let him first cast a stone at her." I am not saying this in order

to avoid any attack on this side, but let every body examine himself. Let Mr Gupta, who moved the resolution, the other day look to himself, let everybody look to himself. He who has not sinned will not receive stone. We have absolutely no apology about it, but what is the task before the country? This euphoria will end.

You will have to face the hard realities of the situation. We wish you all progress. India must progress. The people of this country have given you the power to rule this country. On you depends the future of this country. We are all part of the country. The country must progress. Therefore we wish you all progress and we shall do everything to make your working feasible possible and good. If you fail India fails. Therefore, you must not fail, you must succeed, because you are accepting that sort of policy that is now enthroned. If that is the policy, I have got my own doubts.

I heard a learned friend who had appeared for the smugglers and other people speaking. He was saying that Parliament's despotism must be ended. What a wonderful thing to hear on the Floor of the House? Legislative despotism must be ended. And what should be enthroned? The judicial despotism must be enthroned and the Anti-Smuggling Act must be abolished. And then comes the heaven when there will be no smuggling, judiciary and Parliament will be given a place of honour in the society and the rule of law will prevail. Under that, whatever does not suit you you will withdraw from the court and whatever suits you you will proceed with it. Your smugglers will have their own place in this country. I wish you all success. May this sort of policy succeed. But the hard realities of the situation are before us. Therefore I say that this Address has failed to outline what they mean to do that this Address has stated certain things which are not in conson-

ance with the conventions laid down and which the President should have stated and that this Address has tried to interpret the result of the elections in a manner which will go to the advantage of both to you and to us, because this sustaining of liberty and democracy was done by the people, according to us as a condemnation against your actions before the Emergency and according to you as a condemnation against our actions after the Emergency. Both have been punished and both have been sustained. To that extent it is true. Otherwise it is absolutely wrong.

Now the Janata Party has come in. The two-party system is developing. If it develops it is all the same. We have seen enough of it. Such an experiment is not a new thing to us. In Kerala we have seen it. My hon friend Mr Madhu Limaye was saying that the Swatantra party man has become the Janta party man that the Janta party philosophy is accepted by him. I have never thought that a political philosophy which one has cultivated all one's life, as a part of one's life, could be changed overnight—a Swatantrite becoming a Socialist, a Socialist becoming a Swatantrite, a Gandhi-ite becoming a Jana Sanghi, a Jana Sanghi becoming a Gandhi-ite. Is it a Midas touch which converts everything into gold? I have only heard of Midas touch. But here is another touch. What touch it is I do not know.

Then I come to extra-constitutional powers that are being developed. I do not want to offend anybody. The people talk about Mr Sanjay Gandhi. I have all respect for J. P. I do not want to go into all the details. The time will reveal everything. Is it not an extra-constitutional power developing by issuing statements and giving directives? About the dissolution of Kashmir Assembly a report can go to the Rashtrapati. But a copy goes to the Jaslok Hospital. J. P. holds a press conference and tells you how things should be done. Is that not a philosophy of extra constitutional powers that you are developing? The

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 leader of the party was being elected not by consensus not by election but by extra-constitutional power. I am saying this not by way of condemnation. I am only saying that there is a third party watching the whole thing. If you condemn extra-constitutional power we are with you. The extra-constitutional powers must be condemned. Please don't develop the philosophy of extra-constitutional powers.

SHRI NARENDRA P NATHWANI
 (Jungp'dh) The extra-constitutional power exercised by Mr Sanjay Gandhi lay in instructions amounting to issuing orders to go receive and honour Mr Sanjay Gandhi. It is different from paying homage or respect to J. P. who wields only authority. Paying homage or respect voluntarily is one thing and doing so compulsorily is another thing. Why don't you distinguish between the two?

SHRI C M STEPHEN I am not condemning. I am not criticising. I am only pointing out to show that what you are doing is developing into something which goes against your pretensions. I am not in a mood of condemnation. I am not in a mood of criticism. I am only in a mood of cooperation and trying to point out to you that things are being written on the wall which will go against the pretensions that you are making now.

With respect to other things, abrogation of MISA and other Acts we will give our views at that time. The Indian National Congress, with its diminished strength is here. But remember, when you are at us when you mock at us, I say we are not here as a divided people. In Kerala in Tamil Nadu, in Karnataka, in Andhra Pradesh we hold the fortress and we have come victorious. We held a position and that position was upheld by the people there. The other part of India took a different position.

This we must try to examine. That is all I wanted to say. If you are not afflicted with political blindness and if you are keeping an open mind, I hope you will look at the true picture that is developing. Let us try through cooperation, with the peasants of India on the one side and other friends on the other side to build up India from the past to the future—not by abrogating the past and starting from today but from the past to the present and from the present to the morrow so that the India which we have been developing over the last 30 years (when I say 'we' I include my friend Shri Mishra and many other people who together developed India) is continued to be developed as per its history and its traditions.

With these words, I am sorry to say that I cannot support the motion by reason of the omissions and commissions in the Address of the President.

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT
 (Dum Dum) Mr Chairman I rise to support the Motion that has been so ably moved by my friend Shri Karpoori Thakur. The Indian democracy has often been described as the biggest democracy in the world. In the last Election it has been proved that it is not only the biggest democracy but it is one of the most mature democracies in the world. For several years people were harbouring doubts about the Indian electorate particularly, in the last 20 months of Emergency the country had come to such a pass that people thought that democracy had disappeared from the country altogether. This Election has proved that the Indian electorate is not less mature than the electorate of any other country in the world. For twenty months we had lost our freedom of speech we had lost our civil rights. But now a peaceful transformation has come about which is a unique revolution. I feel that nowhere else in the history of the world has dictatorship been removed through the ballotbox. It is a unique achievement.

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of the Indian electorate that they silently but forcefully through the ballot papers and without a single bullet removed the dictatorship which they tried to establish. (It was not only dictatorship but they also tried to establish dynastic rule in India) A tremendous enthusiasm was generated in the country as also a tremendous spirit which was similar to the one we had seen among our young men and boys during the Indian Independence Movement and in 1947. We found a revolution of that during the Elections of 1977. The Address of the Vice-President acting as President has reflected that spirit and that tremendous enthusiasm in the country and I sincerely thank the Acting President for his Address.

One thing pained me very much. The Leader of the Opposition and I were once upon a time members of the same Party and he was my esteemed leader. We had great regard for him and we thought that he was one of the top most Leaders of the country. What a transformation has come over him in the last 20 months. He is calling us strange animals. He should look at himself in the mirror is he not behaving strangely? I remember that in 1962 during the Chinese aggression when he was brought to Delhi from Maharashtra, he was termed as a Giant of Maharashtra. In the last twenty months that giant of Maharashtra has been transformed into the elf of New Delhi.

SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY

It is very uncharitable on your part to make these remarks.

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT

It would have been uncharitable if I had said it in another context. But a man as powerful as he is remained absolutely quiet for the last 21 months when our freedom was taken away. Not a word of protest came from him when our press was gagged, not a word of pro-

test came from him, when thousands of people all over the country were put in jail and kept there without any trial under the MISA. Not a word of protest came from him.

SHRI C M STEPHEN Many on your benches now were with us at that time doing the same thing.

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT
We do not believe in vengeance.

MR CHAIRMAN Please address the Chair.

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT
I am not addressing anybody else. I was only trying to reply to a remark that he had made.

Through you Sir I want to remind my friend who was interjecting that the Leader of the Opposition should be grateful to this strange animal because he had lost his voice and this strange animal has given back his voice so that he can speak now.

I want to draw the attention of the Government through you Sir to another matter. When our Lok Nayak Shri Jayaprakash Narayan, whom we all respect whom the whole country respects and whom my friends Opposite also respect—I think, they are afraid of admitting it openly but in their heart of hearts they also respect him—was in jail during the struggle the treatment was given in such a manner that possibly his kidneys have been damaged for ever. I think, it is the duty of the present Government to see that the best medical treatment comes may be from any corner of the world so that we can try our best to restore Lok Nayak Shri Jayaprakash Narayan to proper health.

Many of my friends have mentioned about the manner in which truth has been distorted by the former Government. My hon friend Shri George Fernandez has today very ably made out the case how un-

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truth was continuously poured and how untruth was given before the whole world. I want to make a point that not only did the former Government try to present untruth to the present generation but I suspect they wanted to present untruth to posterity also. A time capsule was prepared very surreptitiously, very stealthily, a small bottle made a time capsule and embedded it into the earth. I strongly suspect that it is an attempt to hoodwink posterity and to create an atmosphere so that hundreds and hundred of years later these people who have now been exposed can again be deceived. Through you Sir I would like the Government to dig out that time capsule and see what it contains.

Some of my friends Opposite had said many things about the Sarkaria Commission and other Commissions. In this context I would like to bring certain facts before this House, just to depict how the former Government, the former ruling Party behaved with these Commissions. We have heard much about the Sarkaria Commission, but many of us have forgotten about the Wanchoo Commission. In West Bengal some years back, there were charges of tremendous corruption among Ministers, and the Chief Minister of West Bengal made a lot of fan-fare and appointed a Commission of Inquiry.

SHRI SOUGATA ROY (Barrackpore) On a point of order. That was about matters relating to the West Bengal Government. It cannot be raised here.

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT I can appreciate why my friend is objecting to it. There are certain points which he would not like if truth was made bare. Therefore he is trying to obstruct. There is no point of order. I am not saying anything about the actions of the West Bengal Government in that way. The

Commission of Enquiry had been appointed under the Commission of Enquiry Act and it can be discussed in the Lok Sabha.

Sir, I do not want to go into the details of the Wanchoo Commission, but after its report, two Ministers had to resign from office, because the Chief Minister said that the findings of the Wanchoo Commission were against them. One was a Cabinet Minister. What happened to him? Within months he was appointed as the Chairman of the Jute Corporation drawing salary double than what he was drawing as Minister. The other Minister was a Deputy Minister. What happened to him? During the last elections he was the Chief Election agent of Shrimati Mava Ray, wife of the Chief Minister West Bengal. This is how they deal with corruption. The persons against whom charges of corruption were proved, resigned and they were again restored to other office with higher salary.

Now, I would like to bring to the notice of the House another matter and perhaps my hon. friend from Barrackpore will get more annoyed. This is a matter of rigging in the last elections. There has been a tremendous amount of rigging in West Bengal, particularly in Barrackpore and Dum Dum constituencies, from which I have been returned. My margin would have been two lakhs more if there was no rigging. The facts about rigging are startling. Many hon. Members in this House often confuse rigging with false voting. The rigging of the type that we had in West Bengal was quite different. I would demand that the Government appoint a Committee of Enquiry to go into what happened in Barrackpore and Dum Dum. In Dum Dum Constituency, more than 200 booths were controlled by gangsters and the rigging was directed by the State Government and the Chief Minister of West Bengal. I make this allegation, this statement with the full authority

at my command How did the rigging start? Forty-eight hours before the election started, 40 to 50 of my principal polling agents were arrested through the State machinery, many of them under MISA. On the evening at 10.30 p.m., before the election day, my central election office was raided. The officer-in-charge of the police station and all the officers of the police station very conveniently disappeared from the police station at that time. For half an hour, my central election office was raided and all my principal leaders in charge of the election office were beaten mercilessly. Ten of my workers were beaten. Four motor cars were completely smashed. While the police could not be contacted, I had to go several miles to contact the sub-divisional officer. When he came about two hours later, the enquiry was going on. At that time, the news came that polling had already started at 1.00 O'clock at night. That was the night before the election day. I complained to the sub-divisional officer, who was my assistant returning officer. On my written complaint, he started enquiry at about 3.00 O'clock in the morning, four hours before the polling was to start. He raided booth after booth and in seven booths he found that the ballot papers had already been filled up and the stamp of the Communist Party candidate was already there in all the ballot papers. They were so reckless that they were throwing the ballot papers in the streets. Here are many ballot papers serially and consecutively numbered. I can place them on the Table of the House, if you want Sir.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN It has already been explained by the Minister

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT. When the polling started in the morning, gangsters in jeeps with fire-arms, pipe guns, revolvers and bombs started charging the genuine voters.

Then the voters were driven away and they captured these booths and started stamping the ballot paper and putting them into the ballot box. One of the Presiding Officers complained to the police but nothing happened. Here is a letter written by one of the Presiding Officers. He has written to the officer-in-charge of the Kaliata Police Station, 'Please arrange for police force in polling station No. 54 as at such a school as we are having trouble in conducting the vote.'

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SHRI C. M. STEPHEN How did it come to your hand?

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT It came to our hand because the officer in charge of the police station threw it away. He did not take any action. He was directed by the Chief Minister to do this. So simply he was obeying his superior's orders. You can compare the signature of the Presiding Officer. Therefore, I am demanding an inquiry into this matter. If you set up an inquiry, not one but hundreds of Presiding Officers will come forward and give evidence that their booths were captured. If an inquiry is made I am sure you will find that in Barrackpore Constituency more than 2 lakhs votes were rigged and more than 500 booths were captured. Now that the Janata Party has come to power, they are not afraid of MISA. They were being intimidated by the State Government. Hundreds of presiding officers will come and give evidence in my constituency alone. I am making a categorical statement. I am not asking for the report of any petty officer. Will the Government call for the report of the Additional

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District Magistrate Mr Suoramaniam? He has given a report to the Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal. Let that report be called for and it will be found that in hundreds of booths my constituency there was rigging and there was more rigging in the Barrackpore constituency.

श्री अशोक कृष्ण दत्त साहब योगी जी याद
बुद्धि तो मर गई है मर गई है मर गई है ।

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT

All that I am demanding is let there be a proper inquiry because I am afraid in the Barrackpore constituency there may be an election petition by the former member, Shri Mohd Ismail. But this is not a matter for election petition alone. The Chief Minister of West Bengal himself is involved. He toured the constituency before the elections and had a high-level conference with the top officers. This matter cannot be left to the Election Commission alone. It should be inquired into thoroughly.

Before I conclude I have several other things

श्री श्यामनन्दन मिश्र (बेगुसराय)
आप हमदम और बैरकपुर तक गये मन रहिए
हमारी भी बहुत सारी शिकायतें हैं ।

श्री रामजी लाल सुमन (फिरोजाबाद)
महापति भगवत जीम तरह से दिल में नाम
लिखा है उसी नाम से पुलवाइए । कस से हमारा
नाम नहीं बुलवाया गया है ।

SHRI ASOKE KRISHNA DUTT

Before I conclude on this point of rigging I have told you my personal experience. What I have seen in Dum Dum and Barrackpore might have taken place in many other constituencies also in the country. So, we call for a thorough inquiry by a commission into this matter of rigging.

In the President's Address there is a mention that certain provisions of

the People's Representation Act which were introduced have got to be repealed. I feel that is not enough. It may be necessary to introduce new provisions into the Act because this type of rigging was never envisaged in the past. When counting was going on in my constituency I could see that bundles of ballot papers, hundreds of them, in consecutive numbers were found inside the ballot box. How could it happen? How could anybody put bundles of ballot papers into the box unless the lid is removed and put inside? The Returning Officer also agreed with me that that was common sense but he said it is nowhere in the rules book. So I can not disallow these ballot papers. So, some common-sense has got to be introduced into the People's Representation Act so that in future elections cannot be rigged.

Before I conclude I would like to draw the attention of the Government through you that in my constituency as well as in other parts of India several industries, particularly jute and engineering industries have been closed down. In my constituency alone during the last twenty months of emergency more than 50,000 people lost their job. A thorough enquiry must be made.

A lot has been said about the gains of emergency. But it has been admitted by them that more than 5 lakhs of people have lost job during emergency. Of that 50,000 alone is in my constituency. I would request the Government to see that these closed units are started again and those people who lost their job are brought back.

In conclusion I would say that the Address of the President truly reflects the spirit of the people of the country and the manner in which we propose to improve the economy of the country. The crying need of the country to-day is to eradicate poverty.

and to create millions of jobs so that the problem of unemployment can be solved. That can be done by the Gandhian method of decentralisation of development of rural economy—decentralisation of rural and cottage industries. That indication is there.

This Address has been criticised by some of my friends. Opposite. They said that that was a small document.

This Address is brief and precise and in envisages the aspirations of the people.

I sincerely feel that it is a fine piece of document and I thank the Acting President. I sincerely support the Motion of Thanks moved by my friend Shri Karpoori Thakur.

MR CHAIRMAN Shri Ramji Lal Suman. He is not present. Shri Ramgopal Relli.

श्री एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी (निजामाबाद)।
सभापति जी, राष्ट्रपति जी के अभिभाषण में कुछ खामियां—

श्री राम घारी शास्त्री (पदरीना)।
सभापति जी, तब यह हुआ था कि दो आदमी इस साउंड के बोलेंगे और एक उस साउंड का।

श्री एन० राम गोपाल रेड्डी मेरा भाषण शुरू हो गया है। आप रिकार्ड देख लें। राष्ट्रपति जी का जो अभिभाषण हुआ है।

श्री बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद (नालदा) अगर एक आदमी नहीं था तो दूसरे का आपको चास देना चाहिये था।

श्री एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी मेरा भाषण शुरू हो गया है, अभी तक समाप्त भी हो जाता। राष्ट्रपति जी के अभिभाषण में कुछ खामियां, कुछ कमियां रह गई हैं। उनको एक चीज को साफ करना चाहिये था।

राष्ट्रपति महोदय को यह बताना चाहिये था

कि इन्दिरा सरकार, कांग्रेसी सरकार के जमाने में 2,600 करोड़ ₹० की जो वृद्धि हुई है ऐसा पहले कभी नहीं हुआ था। और यह इमरजेंसी के जमाने में ही हुआ है। हमारे पान गोदामों में 2,500 करोड़ टन अनाज पड़ा हुआ है। और यह लोग इस खजाने की लटन के वास्ते बायबाहिया कर रहे हैं। जनता पार्टी के सदस्यों का इन्दिरा गांधी और सजय गांधी का नाम लेने के सिवाय और कोई चीज नजर नहीं आती है। अभी इन लोगों को मालूम नहीं है कि टैंकरी रिलेज में बंठन के बाद कैसे व्यवहार करना चाहिये। यह लोग अभी भी अपने को विरोध पक्ष का सदस्य समझते हैं। इन का अभी यह समझ में नहीं आया है कि टैंकरी रिलेज में रहने के बाद कैसे व्यवहार किया जाय।

सभापति जी, चुनाव के जरिये से देश के दो टुकड़े किये गये हैं—उत्तर भारत और दक्षिण भारत। दक्षिण भारत में मैं ही एक ऐसा आदमी रह गया हूँ जो हिन्दी में बात करता हूँ। 154 आदमियों में और कोई हिन्दी नहीं बोल सकता है। यह बड़ी गम्भीर समस्या है इस पर आप सावधानी। हमारे राष्ट्रपति जी को यह कहना चाहिये था कि इस चुनाव में देश के दो टुकड़े होने के इम्काना पैदा हो गये हैं। इसलिये सदस्यों को चाहिए कि दक्षिण के लोगों का धरोना प्राप्त करने के वास्ते हमारी बात का सहानुभूति से सुनें। आप लोगों को सत्ताधारी पार्टी में होने की वजह से यह सोचना चाहिये कि कैसे देश को आप बँटाया जाये। अभी तक जो हमारी तरफ़की हुई है उस को मानना चाहिए जो फ़िगर में, गोदामों में और खजाने में है।

नसबन्दी के बारे में बड़ा बड़ा प्रोपोगन्डा कर के यह लोग यहां चुन कर आये हैं। इन्दिरा जी की सरकार ने समय हर साल एक करोड़ आदमियों का इजाफ़ा हुआ है। और अगर आप की यह पोलिसी रही कि नसबन्दी नहीं की जाय तो इस देश में हर साल 2 करोड़ आबादी

[श्री एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी]

की बटनी होगी जिस को आप खिचा नहीं सँगे ।

श्री वीरेन्द्र प्रसाद दो करोड़ आदिमियों के चार कपड हाथ भी ता हाँगे ।

श्री एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी अगर दूमी तरह म आवादी बटनी गई ता लोग को रहने की जगह नहीं मिलेगी । आप जो चीज है अगर वह सही है ता जिनने लाग़ा का स्ट्रिना-इन्वेसन किया गया है अगर मेहरबानी करके उन का रीफ़ेनेसाइन्वेसन कीजिये और सब को बच्चे पैदा करने की इजाजत दीजिये ।

दूसरी बात यह है कि हम ने स्वयं के लोगो को बहा में निवान कर बाहर किया है । आप ने तुर्कमान गेट में जा कर लाग़ा को भडकाया है कि तुम को यहाँ मे काब्रेम सरकार ने उजाड दिया है । अगर आप लोग ईमानदार है तो सब को फिर पुरानी जगह वापस लाकर दिन्नी में स्वयं पैदा कीजिये तभी मैं मानूंगा कि आप लोग वाकई में सही काम कर रहे हैं । आपने उनको बहकाया कि तुम्हें काब्रेमो सरकार ने अपनी जगह से निवान दिया है । हमारा कहना यह है कि जनता सरकार खाली बातें बोलती है, अगर उन लोगो को सही करने का ख्याल है तो आप उनको बुलाकर फिर से बहा पर स्वयं पैदा कर दीजिये और फिर देखिये । आप दोनों तरह से पायदा नहीं उठा सकते हैं ।

मेरा कहना यह है कि यह जो गवर्नमेंट बनी है, यह एक म्युजियम बना हुआ है, एक मूवंगा हुआ है । यह कोई काम नहीं कर रही है, कोई सैन्टरो सौट पर नहीं बैठता है, वह यह देखकर हसने है कि हमारे मिनिस्टर कैसे है । आपको शर्म करनी चाहिये । सिक्का बार पांच मंत्रालय के और वहाँ कोई काम नहीं हो रहा है । प्रोजेक्शन नीचे गिरने वाला है, और प्राइसेस बढ़ने वाली हैं । श्री मोरारजी देसाई सच्चे भादमी हैं, वह बहुत दिनों से देश की सेवा में हैं, हम चाहते हैं कि उनकी सरकार कम से कम पांच साल तक ज़रूर चले लेकिन

अगर आपका यही खँसा रहा तो 100 दिन से ज्यादा यह गवर्नमेंट नहीं चल पायेगी । आप मेहरबानी कर के जरा सीरियस हो जाइये । आपके हैल्थ मिनिस्टर मंत्रालय में काम नहीं कर रहे हैं, आप वहाँ की हाल देखिये । यहाँ 200 भादमी सँवर 7 बैठने है, और यहाँ मंडाक हो रहा है । मेरा कहना यह है कि गवर्नमेंट की चलाना सीरियस काम है और आपको इसे सीरियसनी चलाना चाहिये । अगर आपका यही तरीका रहा तो एमर्जेंसी हम लोगो को लागत की ज़रूरत नहीं है, खुद श्री मोरारजी देसाई एमर्जेंसी लगाकर आप सब को डीक कर देंगे ।

इन्दिरा जी की गवर्नमेंट ने सन् 1971 में जो मुझ जीता, एक हजार साल में कभी हमने बैसा नहीं जीता है । बम्बई हाई बनाया है, एटम के टुकडे कर के हिन्दुस्तान का सिर उखा किया है । यह सही है कि यह साइटिस्टो ने काम किया है, लेकिन वह हमारे गवर्नमेंट की । अगर आप लोगो की भी कुछ करना है, तो हाईड्रोजन बम बनाकर फोडकर दिखाइये । हम सब आपको और जनता सरकार को बधाई देंगे ।

मुझे यह डर है कि जो काम अच्छे अब तक हुए है, वह अग्रे रहे जायेंगे और वापिस हा जायेंगे । देश के टुकडे-टुकडे होने का इमकान है । इसलिये मेहरबानी कर के जरा सीरियसनी काम करने की तरफ ध्यान दीजिये । आप अगर उधर वोलें कोई परवाह नहीं लेकिन, कुछ काम होना चाहिये ।

मेरा कहना है कि इस सारे सदन को एक साथ लेकर आगे बढिये यह नहीं कि उत्तर दक्षिण का झगडा छडा करे । ऐस । मत कीजिये इन्दिरा जी ने आपको कहा है, चव्हाण साहब ने कहा है कि हम लोग कस्टुडिव सर्वेयन देंगे और गवर्नमेंट की मदद करेंगे और अगर कोई इकनामिक डेवलपमेंट के ज़लिय कानून बनायेंगे

या फाइनेशियल बिल मायेंगे जिसमें गरीबों की मदद हो तो हम इसमें आपकी मदद करेंगे।

दक्षिण के पूरे लोगों ने कांग्रेस को बोट दिरे है। यह आपको मानना पड़गा कि दक्षिण का जनता ज्यादा पढ़ी लिखी है, वहां के लोगों का आर्थिक परिस्थिति उत्तर भारत से अच्छी है उन लोगों ने सोच-समझकर बोट दिया है। आप उसका ध्यान रखिये और हमेशा जजबात से खेलने की कोशिश मत कीजिये। आप फंड्स का ध्यान रखिये और मदन के डिक्शन को ऊंचा उठान की कोशिश कीजिये।

श्री रामरजी साहू सुमन (फिरोजाबाद): सभापति महोदय, सत्तु के दोना सदन के समक्ष राष्ट्रपति महोदय ने जो अभिभाषण दिया है, मैं उस पर रख गये धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूँ। जनता पार्टी के चुनाव घोषणापत्र में हिन्दुस्तान के बहुमुखी विकास के लिए जो बायदे किये गये हैं, राष्ट्रपति के अभिभाषण में उन्ही का उल्लेख किया गया है।

विरोधी पक्ष के नेता, श्री चट्टाण, ने कहा है कि इमर्जेंसी की बहुत उपलब्धियां हैं और उस के दौरान देश ने बहुत तरक्की की है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा है कि हिन्दुस्तान की जनता की स्वतंत्रता की रक्षा के लिए आपातकालीन स्थिति लगाई गई थी। वास्तव में इन उन्नीस महीनों में हिन्दुस्तान में जो कुछ हुआ है, उस की लोकतंत्र की हत्या कहा जा सकता है, लेकिन हमारे सम्मति नेता श्री चट्टाण उस की प्रशंसा करते हैं। मैं निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि इन उन्नीस महीनों में हिन्दुस्तान के लोगों की आजादी के लिए लाखों लोग जेल गये हैं। जनता पार्टी का टिकट देने के सम्बन्ध में पहली शर्त यह थी कि जो व्यक्ति जेल नहीं गया है, उस की टिकट नहीं दिया जायेगा। इमर्जेंसी के दौरान श्री जय प्रकाश नारायण, श्री मोरारजी देसाई और चौधरी चरणसिंह जैसे

कई सम्मानित नेता जेल में डाल दिये गये। मगर श्री चट्टाण कहते हैं कि हिन्दुस्तान की आजादी और भलाई के लिए इमर्जेंसी लगाई गई और उस के कारण हिन्दुस्तान का बहुत विकास हुआ है। मेरा कहना यह है कि इमर्जेंसी के लाभ केवल हम लोगों तक ही सीमित क्यों रहे इस लिए दो महीने के लिए श्री चट्टाण भी जेल में चले जायें, ताकि उन को पता चले कि इमर्जेंसी में क्या क्या हुआ है।

कांग्रेस के मित्र कहते हैं कि आने वाले सालों में कांग्रेस पार्टी एक बड़ी शक्ति बनेगी। मेरा निवेदन है कि जनता पार्टी ने जो बायदे किये हैं, अगर वह उन को पूरा नहीं करेगी, तो आने वाले समय में हिन्दुस्तान के लोग जनता पार्टी को नकार देंगे। लेकिन अगर जनता पार्टी ने उन बायदों को पूरा किया और देश की समस्याओं को हल करने का प्रयत्न किया, तो आज तो विरोधी पक्ष में कुछ लोग दिखाई दे रहे हैं, लेकिन पांच साल के बाद उन लोगों की उमानत बचने की भी सम्मानना कम होगी जो जनता के साथ सत्ता करेगा, जन्ता उस पर साथ देगी। इन्दिरा जी ने गलतिय का हाथी इसीलिए हिन्दुस्तान की जनता ने उन को नकार दिया।

जनता पार्टी के अधिकांश सदस्य युवक की खून पसीने की कमाई के कारण यहां बैठे हुए हैं। मगर इस अभिभाषण में युवकों के सम्बन्ध में कोई बात नहीं कही गई है। मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि कांग्रेस सरकार द्वारा जिन छात्रों को परेशान किया गया या विद्यालयों से निकाला गया, जनता पार्टी की सरकार उन छात्रों को प्रवेश दिलाने और अन्य प्रकार से उनकी सहायता करने की दिशा में कदम उठाना चाहिए।

पिछली सरकार ने बार-बार मांग किये जाने पर भी हिन्दुस्तान के नौजवानों को 18 वर्ष तक वोट देने का हक नहीं दिया। मैं आग्रह करना चाहता हूँ कि वर्तमान सरकार को विधान सभाओं के चुनावों में 18 वर्ष

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तक के नौजवानों को बोट देने का अधिकार देना चाहिये ।

पिछली सरकार की तरफ से यह दावा किया जाता रहा है कि हिंजनों और भादि बासिया को बहुत सुविधायें दी गई हैं । अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के आयुक्ता की रिपोर्ट संसद् 77 पर लिखा है कि 1950 से जब कि इस देश का संविधान बना आज तक आई०ए०एस० में हरिजनों का परसटज 2.99 और शिडयूल्ड ट्राइब्स का परसटज 5 है । पिछली सरकार द्वारा हरिजनों और आदिवासियों के साथ किए गए अच्छे सुनूक का यह एक उदाहरण है । हम न देखा कि बिगत दिना में हरिजनों और सबों के बीच में खाई का बहाना का जितना प्रयास कांग्रेस सरकार ने किया है और किसी ने उतना प्रयास नहीं किया है ।

काग्रम सरकार ने यह घोषणा की थी कि छात्र लागा पर साहूकारों का जितना रुपया है वह भाग कर दिया जायगा । हुआ क्या ? सरकार ने पास कोई वकल्पिक व्यवस्था नहीं की । उन लागा का रुपया मिलना बन्द हो गया । दो दो रुपए के लिए बचारे सड़का पर घूमने लग्ये । यह सब से बन्ना घोषणा उन लागा के साथ हुआ है जो उन के लिए कोई वकल्पिक व्यवस्था नहीं की ।

शिक्षा के नाम पर मैं यह साफ कहना चाहूंगा कि विद्यालय में जो विज्ञान के छात्र हैं उन में कहीं भी 18 प्रतिशत स्थान उन्हें नहीं मिलते । आगरा कालेज का मैं उदाहरण देना चाहता हूँ वहाँ दो सौ दाई सौ छात्र हैं उन में केवल एक हरिजन अध्यापक हैं और क. जाना है कि हम 18 प्रतिशत तक संरक्षण दे रहे हैं । ये सब बातें पिछली सरकार ने कही हैं । जनता

पार्टी की सरकार को चाहिये कि वह तुरन्त इन सब बातों पर ध्यान दे ।

एक बात बहुत तकनीक की हुई है और वह यह कि साखा नौजवान पिछले दिनों जलो में गये हैं । हिंदुस्तान की जनता ने अधिवाश लोग जल गये हैं । तो उन परिवारों के साथ जिन के लोग जेलों में मर गये हैं अच्छा सुनूक होना चाहिये । जो न । राजनीति में जल गए उनके साथ अच्छा व्यवहार होना चाहिये उन का सावजनिक सम्मान होना चाहिये योकि हिंदुस्तान के जन जन की आजादी के लिए ये लोग जल गए हैं हिंदुस्तान के लोकतंत्र की पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए लोग नेत्र गये हैं । नागों का काफी तकलीफें आई हैं ।

मैं अनुमतिप्राप्त और सरकार के लोग से दरखास्त करूंगा कि जो जनता पार्टी के लोग का सम्मान हो ता एक बात जरूर करेगा । मुझे जैसा नौजवान यह मानना है कि हिंदुस्तान का इतिहास अधिकांशतः गलत लिखा गया है । पहले दरबारी लाग रखते थे । बड़ बड़ चारण और भात दरबारा में रहीं करत थे और उन का काम होता था किसी न किसी प्रकार राजा को प्रसन्न करना । तो झूठ इतिहास लिख गए हैं । मेरी यह दरखास्त है कि जब जनता पार्टी के लोग का स्वागत हो तो हमारे नाना प. म. आदरणीय बरमा साहब का भी एक अच्छे दरबारी के रूप में स्वागत अवश्य होना चाहिये । यह सब बातें हमारे मित्रों ने कहा है । मैं और कोई विशेष बात नहीं कहना चाहूंगा ।

एक बात यह मैं कूंगा कि कांग्रेसी सरकार ने न केवल हिंदुस्तान बल्कि विश्व में जो लोकतांत्रिक शक्तियाँ थी उन को दबाने का पूरा प्रयास किया है । आप जानते हैं कि बीराला साहब हिंदुस्तान

मे रहे थे । वहा नेपाल मे राजशाही शासन चलता है । हमें परसों बहुत तकलीफ हुई जब राजा विरेन्द्र यहा तशरीफ लाए । कोइराला नेपाल के लोकतन्त्र और समाजवाद के प्रतीक हैं और हिन्दुस्तान की सरकार को यह चाहिये कि जो भी समाजवाद अस्तित्व है हिन्दुस्तान की सरकार उन समाजवादी शक्तियों को मजबूत करे । कोइराला साहब जब यहा थे तो उन की एक तरह से हाउस अरेस्ट थी । उन्हें अपनी बात कहने का हक नहीं था । इंदिरा गांधी ने कहा कि राजा साहब, आप के यहा हम कोई वारदात नहीं होने देंगे । लेकिन जब कोई राजनीतिक कार्यकर्ता यहा से वहा जाये तो उस को आप धारण मत दीजिएगा । राजशाही से यह साठगाठ करन का काम पिछली सरकार ने किया था । आज हिन्दुस्तान में जनता की सरकार बनी है । उस के चुने हुए प्रतिनिधि इस बात के समर्थ हैं कि हिन्दुस्तान मे लोकतन्त्र की जड़े गहरी हैं । तो हम समस्त लोकतांत्रिक शक्तियों के लिये अपना लड़ाई लडे और हम यह मांग करते हैं कि कोइराला की रिहाई होनी चाहिए । नेपाल मे राजशाही का नया नाच हुआ है । नेपाल कांग्रेस के साथ अच्छे मुलुक नहीं हुए हैं । त्रिभुवन विश्व विद्यालय के हजारों छात्र अब भी जेलो मे बन्द हैं । अगर नेपाल मे लोकतन्त्र स्थापित होगा तो हिन्दुस्तान जैसे मुल्क को भी यह कहने का हक होगा कि हिन्दुस्तान जम्हूरियन पसन्द मुल्क है और मैं मानता हू कि इस मे हम किसी की शक्ति को भंग नहीं कर रहे हैं । हिन्दुस्तान मे जब लोकतन्त्र का खात्मा हुआ तो विश्व के बहुत से समाजवादी देशो ने कहा कि हिन्दुस्तान मे लोकतन्त्र समाप्त किया जा रहा है । अखबारों ने सपोर्ट किया । लोगों ने अपनी बात कही । तो हिन्दुस्तान अगर यह कहता है कि नेपाल मे जनता की सरकार बने, कोइराला के नेतृत्व मे मद्रिमडल बने जो लोकतन्त्र और समाजवाद का प्रतीक हो तो मैं समझता हू इस मे कोई गुनाह नहीं है ।

आप जानते हैं कि उत्तर प्रदेश मे पी ए सी का रिवोल्ट हुआ जो कांग्रेस का पड्यक्त था । 6 हजार लोग उस पी ए सी रिवोल्ट मे जेल गए । मैं सरकार से कहना चाहता हू कि पी ए सी रिवोल्ट मे जा लोग जेल गए वह सरकार का पड्यक्त था । हमारी सरकार को चाहिए कि तुरन्त उन 6 हजार लोगों के मुकदमे वापस ले और उन लोगों को काम पर लगाए । वे बेगुनाह लोग थे । उन लोगों से काम लिया जाता था । छोटे लोगों को बड़े अफसर तन करते थे । उनकी जो यूनियन थी उसे कमलापति जी न भंग किया । हम सरकार से मांग करते हैं कि जो लोग जेल भेजे गए हैं उन लोगों के कैजेज अविलम्ब वापस दिए जाए ।

नवलवादिया के बारे मे मैं साफ साफ कहना चाहता हू । हम मानते है कि हम गांधी जी के बताए हुए रास्ते पर चलने वाले लोग है । लेकिन एव स्थिति ऐसी आती है जब आदमी का विश्वास टूट जाता है । लोग न जन आन्दोलनो का माध्यम से सरकार के खिलाफ सघर्ष किया है । लोगों नोजवान जेल गए है । मैं सरकार से स्पष्ट कहूंगा कि सरकार ने लोगों को हिंसा करने के लिए बाध्य किया है । इसलिए जो जलो मे नक्सलवादी बन्द है हमारी पूरी हमदर्दी उन के साथ है । नई सरकार को तुरन्त उन की रिहाई करनी चाहिए और इस मे कोई देर नहीं होगी चाहिए ।

एव बात मैं यह कहना चाहता हू कि लोकतन्त्र की बात मे लोग कहते है । पिछले 18-19 महीना मे लोकतन्त्र को समाप्त करने का पूरा प्रयास इंदिरा जी ने किया है । लेकिन प्रवृत्ति का नियम है कि जो किसी को समाप्त करना चाहता है वह खुद समाप्त हो जाता है । इंदिरा गांधी ने प्रयास किया लोकतन्त्र समाप्त करने का लेकिन इंदिरा गांधी खुद समाप्त हो

[श्री रामजी लाल सुमन]

गई। मैं एक बहुत पुराना शेर आप के सामने पेश देता हूँ—

शमा को देख मेरे दिल को जल ने बाले।

खुद ही जल जात है धोरा को जलाने वाले ॥

इंदिरा गांधी न प्रयास किया लोकतंत्र को समाप्त करने का। लेकिन हिन्दुस्तान की जनता के साथ उन्होंने जो मुलूक किया उस से इंदिरा जी खुद ही समाप्त हो गई। जनता को नई सरकार से बहुत बड़ी आशाएँ हैं और जनता की सरकार को चाहिये कि उन समस्त आशाओं की प्रतीक जनता की सरकार बने।

सभापति महोदय, कांग्रेस पार्टी की सरकार में बाबू जगजीवन राम जी को छोड़ कर जितने भी कृषि मंत्री बने, उन्हें पता नहीं था कि चने और गेहूँ का पैडरकसा होता है। विगत दिनों में कांग्रेस की सरकार गेहूँ का दाम 105 रुपये क्विंटल तय करती रही है। आप मोटा-मोटा हिसाब भी लगायें तो आप देखेंगे कि किसान को 155 रुपये क्विंटल गेहूँ की लागत आती है, लेकिन किसान को सिर्फ 105 रुपये मिलते रहे। मैंने पता था, इसी सप्ताह में जब लोगो ने कहा कि शायद किसान 105 रुपये क्विंटल पर अपना गेहूँ न दें, तब चौहान साहब ने कहा था कि अगर हिन्दुस्तान के किसान गेहूँ नहीं देंगे तो हम विदेशों से गेहूँ मगायेंगे। किसानों ने गेहूँ नहीं दिया और विदेशों से गेहूँ मंगाया गया, जिस की कीमत में नहीं जानता, लेकिन वह 105 रुपये से ज्यादा ही था....

एक मानीय सदस्य 144 रुपये क्विंटल पर मगाया गया।

श्री रामजी लाल सुमन. कांग्रेस सरकार ने विदेशों को 144 रुपये क्विंटल का दाम दे दिया, लेकिन इस देश के किसानों को 125

रुपये का दाम नहीं दिया, जिस की कि अधिकतर लोगो ने माग की थी। हिन्दुस्तान के किसानों को कांग्रेस सरकार ने घसतीय था जिस का फायदा जनता पार्टी को मिला। मैं चाहता हूँ किसानों को 150 रुपये क्विंटल के हिसाब से दिया जाए।

सभापति महोदय, युवक सम्राट युवराज सजय गांधी जी ने जो जुलूम डायें हैं, मैं वह भी आप को बताना चाहता हूँ। युवराज अगर तथरीक लाये थे, तो बाले कि अगर बहुत गन्दा है, इस का सौन्दर्यीकरण होना चाहिये और उस के नाम पर हजारों लोगो को उजाड़ दिया गया। नई सरकार को चाहिये कि उन विस्थापितों को बसाने के लिये मुआवजा दे और युवराज ने सौन्दर्यीकरण के नाम पर जुलूम डायें हैं उस की जाच की जाय।

इस देश के सम्मानित सदन में विशेष तौर से जो ध्रष्टाचार की बात की जाती है उस सम्बन्ध में मैं भी एक बात कहना चाहूँगा—इस दिल्ली की चकाचौध में कांग्रेस के मंत्री निपट रहे हैं, इस लिये जनता पार्टी की सरकार को सादगो का व्यवहार बरतना चाहिये तथा लोकपाल एवं लोकयुक्त की नियुक्ती होनी चाहिये। साथ ही सन्तानम कमेटी ने जो सिफारिशें दी थी, उन को तुरन्त लागू करना चाहिये।

इस के साथ ही दल के अन्तर्गत भी लोकतन्त्र होना चाहिये—यहाँ पर चाहे जनता पार्टी के लोग बोलें या कांग्रेस पार्टी के लोग बोलें, मन्त्रियों को उनकी पूरी बात सुनी चाहिये, केवल रसम प्रदायगी नहीं होनी चाहिये। कांग्रेस पार्टी के लोगो ने जो कुछ किया है, वे उस का फल भुगत रहे हैं, लेकिन मैं आशा करता हूँ कि जनता पार्टी की सरकार निश्चित रूप से जनता की आशाओं का पूरा करेगी।

इन शर्तों के साथ मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूँ।

PROF DILIP CHAKRAVARTY (Calcutta South) Mr Chairman, Sir I rise to support the motion of thanks moved by my honble friend, Shri Karpoori Thakur. The acting President in his address has mentioned that the people have given a clear verdict in favour of individual freedom, democracy and the rule of law and against executive arbitrariness, the emergence of a personality cult and extra-constitutional centres of power. It further says that the traumatic experience of the last two years during which many atrocities were committed on the people and they had to undergo untold sufferings and some have even died has brought home the relevance of this

Mr Chairman Sir, only day before yesterday I visited the Presidency jail in Calcutta. In spite of the statement issued by the West Bengal Chief Minister, from time to time, that all the political prisoners had been released, even today there are 152 political prisoners languishing in the Presidency jail alone. There will be a little more in Alipore Central Jail. These are the two jails in my constituency in Calcutta South. There will be many more if we include the figures of all the jails in West Bengal. I do not know the position in the rest of India. I believe the total figure will be staggering. I would urge on the government to see to it that not a day is lost before the large number of prisoners who are detained without trial and languishing in jails are released.

I was listening with rapt attention to the speech of Mr Stephen whose English language was very nice. He was shedding crocodile tears about the rule of law. He referred to the withdrawal of the Baroda dynamite case against Shri George Fernandes and some other cases. The prisoners

whom I met in the Presidency Jail told me that cases had been instituted against some of them and they were first produced before a court of law in 1970. But the judges have been transferred thrice and the cases are going on even today in 1977. They are languishing in the jails. When Mr Stephen refers to enforcement of the rule of law, at least we on the treasury benches have a different view about rule of law. Mr Stephen conveniently forgets the powerful speech delivered in this House by my friend Shri George Fernandes. The whole thing was fraudulent. The other day Mr Charan Singh the hon Home Minister pointed out that the emergency was imposed only on the advice of the Prime Minister and the cabinet was informed of it only subsequently. My friend Shri Ashok Dutt was right when he was lamenting over Mr Chavan the giant of Maharashtra, who had his backbone transformed into jelly and did nothing! Instead of touching on this and other complaints against them they are trying to divert the issue. I suggest to the government that it is time that we declared a general amnesty for all political prisoners of all categories. This is the need of the hour. The people of India have really transformed the whole country by taking the first step towards a silent revolution. To quote Shri Ashok Dutt again this is the first time in the world that a dictatorial regime could be removed peacefully through the ballot box. It is only meet and proper that the others who are in jail were also released. They are with us in spirit and they are counting their days. This is very urgent. I bring this to the attention of the House in the hope that it will receive support from all sections of the House.

On page 3 the acting President has said

'One of the very serious developments in the recent past was the

SHRI M RAM GOPAL REDDY
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PROF DILIP CHAKRAVARTY I think so I would compare Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan only with the position which was occupied by Mahatma Gandhi before the 30th January 1948 There is nothing wrong to respect a person who never asked for anything who never asked for any reward Your Indira who spent only six months in jail claimed to have a dynastic rule and claimed that she had contributed so many things to the country without remembering those who laid down their lives for the country's freedom those who suffered and languished in jail, lakhs and lakhs of people in the country I know some of their woes and their suffering Without caring for them, the lady dared to claim about her contribution to the country

Shri Stephen has mentioned as you will see from the content of his speech that peninsular India took up a different position from that of Northern India What does he mean to say? Does he mean to say that peninsular India is different from the rest of India? We do not think so I will remember it and when the election is coming we shall see how peninsular India reacts India is one There is no peninsular India and Northern India as such there is only one India

To my utter surprise and to my utmost pain I was reading the statements issued from day to day by the former Prime Minister in accusation sometimes against Loknayak Jaiprakash Narayan sometimes against Shri Morarji or some other respected leader of the freedom movement and they were all done in the name of Mahatma Gandhi Here is a book with me from where I am quoting Writing on the Congress position Gandhiji stated on 27th January 1948

"Let the Congress now proclaim to itself and the world that it is

only God's servant—nothing more nothing less If it engages in the ungainly skirmish for power it will find one fine morning that it is no more Thank God, the Congress is now no longer in sole possession of the field'

During the 30 years, my friends of the Congress totally forgot about Gandhiji's writings They thought they could hoodwink the ignorant and suffering people of India for all time to come Fortunately they could not do it I am quoting another excerpt of Gandhiji himself On 29th January 1948 only 24 hours before his death he said

"Though split into two India, having attained political independence through means devised by the Indian National Congress, the Congress in its present shape and form, as a propaganda vehicle and a parliamentary machine, has outlived its use India has still to attain social moral and economic independence in terms of its seven hundred thousand villages as distinguished from its cities and towns The struggle for the ascendancy of civil over military power is bound to take place in India's progress towards its democratic goal It must be kept out of unhealthy competition with political parties and communal bodies For these and other similar reasons the AICC resolves to disband the existing Congress organisation and flower into a Lok Sevak Sangh under the following rules with the power to alter them as occasion may demand

These were the last suggestions of Gandhiji to Congressmen But Congressmen did not listen to that.

And what did they do? As an individual I spent my first ten years of political life within the Congress from 1938 to 1948 Then I came out with the Socialists. But in 1977 what was my last experience with the Congress? On 6th March while I was

addressing an election meeting, I was hit on the head with the shout of "Vande Mataram" That is the present-day Congress So try to understand and start re-thinking after going through Gandhiji's writings which I am afraid many of you have not done

MR CHAIRMAN We have to finish the discussion today We shall continue till 7.30 Tomorrow the hon Prime Minister will reply

SHRI V ARUNACHALAM (Tirunelveli) So far only one Member from the AIADMK has been called and he has taken only two or three minutes So may I request you to accommodate at least two more Members from our Party?

SHRI B N SINGH (Hazaribagh) May I know how many Members can speak today?

MR CHAIRMAN Six Members may now speak, Five minutes each

SHRI EBRAHIM SULAIMAN SAIT (Manjeri) So far, our Party has not been called.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) It was decided that we would sit up to 7.30 today If the hon Members feel that they can sit longer so that more Members can speak, there should be no objection Otherwise, according to the schedule of Government business which has been accepted, the Prime Minister will reply tomorrow morning I am in the hands of the House and your good self

MR CHAIRMAN We can sit up to 8.30

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SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola) Even if we sit till 8.30 there may not be proper satisfaction to the Members who want to contribute because every one will be going away as soon as he finishes speaking and there will be no audience So, if you are extending by one day the Prime Minister can reply tomorrow evening We can continue this debate tomorrow after the Question Hour and Calling Attention

19 hrs.

Whosoever did not speak so far remaining on the list can contribute tomorrow by 2.30 or 4 p.m Then the Prime Minister can reply When you are already extending it by one day, why don't you agree to this? If you are going to sit upto 8.30 p.m it will strain us too much

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA In view of the Government Business for the current session, I regret it will not be possible for us to accept the suggestion that the whole of tomorrow should be kept apart for the continuation of the debate At the moment, we have requested the Prime Minister to reply to the debate early tomorrow morning But if it is the pleasure of the House we may extend this debate by another hour or so today But according to the Government business for this week, if the whole day tomorrow is devoted to this debate, then the whole schedule will be in jeopardy Therefore, through you Sir I would request the hon Members not to insist that the debate should be extended for more than one hour tomorrow

SHRI S KUNDU (Batasore) In that case, it is better we should adjourn today by 7.30 Look at the staff who come at about 9 A.M Some of us have also come at 9 A.M

MR CHAIRMAN Please, let us continue till 7.30 P.M

SHRI S KUNDU I know that our Prime Minister is a very pleasant and

[Shri S Kundu]

very accommodative person I am sure the hon Minister will show the maximum capacity of accommodation. I find that some hon Members do not speak for more than five minutes. Therefore it is possible through our Minister to convey our feelings to the Prime Minister about our desire to participate in the debate and tomorrow say within maximum of two hours everybody can speak. Within two hours about 20 speakers can finish their speeches.

*MR. CHAIRMAN We shall continue till 7.30 P.M. today as suggested by the hon Members. Tomorrow we shall devote one hour.

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA During the current session, if the Government business spills over to the afternoon tomorrow then we will not be able to complete all that we have for the current session. Therefore I would request the hon Members to agree to the proposal that we continue the debate for one hour tomorrow and then request the Prime Minister to speak.

MR. CHAIRMAN So today upto 7.30 P.M. we shall continue the debate.

AN HON MEMBER Tomorrow again if new Members come and fill up the list?

MR. CHAIRMAN No more views. Mr. Kumari Ananthan.

SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN (Nagercoil) Mr. Chairman, Sir I rise to support the motion moved by Shri Karpoori Thakur. I come from a constituency which is the southern most tip of India—Nagercoil.

It was represented twice by our late lamented revered leader Sri K. Kamaraj who was pushed to the far end of his life by emergency and the atrocities that came in its wake.

When he heard that emergency was declared and leaders of eminence were arrested he was shocked. He fell ill. He thought of waging a last battle against the erstwhile government. A resolution was passed as per his advice and guidance requesting the people to be ready to do any sacrifice to get back the civil liberties.

On October 2—on the birth day of the Father of the Nation—Kamaraj breathed his last. He died a sad man. He died with a broken heart.

After his death, "Bharat Ratna" was awarded to him. When he was alive his garden was destroyed. All the flowering trees which were planted nursed and reared by him were uprooted. When he was a dead man, a few flowers were thrown on his lifeless body. I can compare the award only to those flowers thrown on his body.

Sri Kamaraj was insulted even after his death. The Charka which adorned his memorial at Guindy was demolished and thrown in the dustbin. The ancient sacred Charka which was revived by Mahatma Gandhi was destroyed by Mata Gandhi.

When our revered leader and Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai came to Madras he saw the memorial and took note of the missing Charka. He was pained to hear all about the removal of the Charka. On that very day he made a public announcement that the Charka will be placed again in the memorial. Now I am sure the Charka will find its place again in the memorial as it was promised by a leader who will keep up his words.

Under the previous Government, the people were terror stricken. Even friends could not meet and converse. The fear phobia was hanging around everywhere. Nobody could express his feelings. At no time in the annals of Indian history so many people were sent to jails. As it was said in the morning by Shri Karnath, the MISA is not Maintenance of Internal

Security Act but it was Maintenance of Indira Sanjay Act

Our forefathers placed at the altar of Bharat Mata everything they had, everything dear and near to them. What for? They never thought of their stomach or mouth. They thought of their soul and heart. They got freedom. Freedom means freedom of expression, freedom to assemble, freedom to criticise and freedom to dissent.

But alas, everything was suppressed by the previous Government in a brutal manner. Good people were thrown in prison. Good officers and employees were thrown out of their jobs.

Our original Constitution is one of the best constitutions in the world. Much thought was given to each and every word. The Constituent Assembly sat for two years, eleven months and eight days. The consideration of a draft Constitution took 114 days. The people of India were given eight months to discuss the Draft Constitution and to make their suggestions. Many as 7,635 amendments were proposed and 2,473 amendments were actually discussed by the Constituent Assembly. But the Constitution (Thirty-Second Amendment) Bill was passed through in a very hasty manner. The people were not given a chance to discuss and express their opinion. Numerous MPs were languishing in jail when they should have been in Parliament speaking to the conscience of the members of the ruling party. The previous Government could allow only ten days for this purpose. Only 50 hours were allowed for amending 59 clauses. Not an hour was spent for each section.

Thus is what Motilal Nehru had said.

"It is obvious that our first care should be to have our Fundamental Rights guaranteed in a manner which will not permit their withdrawal under any circumstances."

By trampling upon the Fundamental Rights, the former Prime Minister went against the wishes of her own grand-father.

Then, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said:

"A Fundamental Right should be looked upon not from the point of view of any particular difficulty of the moment but as something that you want to make permanent in the Constitution."

The former Prime Minister went against the wishes of her own father even.

Again the late Mr Feroze Gandhi had pleaded and fought for the rights of the press. By his untiring effort, the Parliamentary Proceedings (Protection of Publications) Act was passed in 1956. Even this Act was repealed by Mrs Indira Gandhi in 1976. Thereby, she went against the wishes of her husband.

No news regarding the feelings of the Opposition could be sent to the outside world. Now the Janta Government has removed all the obstacles in the way of the free press. The press will find its expression. The expression of the people will also find a place in the press. So, New Delhi has really become News Delhi. It has good news to the world that democracy will prevail and remain for ever in this country and that nobody can suppress it.

The former Prime Minister went against the wishes of her grand-father; she went against the wishes of her father; she went against the wishes of her husband and she went against the wishes of the people. So everybody went against her Government and voted her out of power. In Thirukkural, there is a couplet which is as follows:

ALLAHATTU ATTATHU AZHUDHA
KANNEER ANTRE SELVATHAI
THEIYKUM PADAI

[Shri Kumari Ananthan]

The translation goes like this.

Is not the tears of grief shed by the lives who can't brook more a weapon strong which will file off a monarch's wealthy store? Yes, it is the tears of the people which pierced the armour of the previous Government.

Sir, as there is no emergency, internal or external we are free from bondage. The chains that have tied our body and soul have been broken to pieces not by bullets but by ballot. Now we breathe the air of freedom.

The people of India have asserted their rights. Hats off to the people of India.

Sir high hopes have been aroused. We have to fulfil the aspirations of the people.

The previous Government squandered money on useless propaganda media to further their own ends. Even important works like the Railway line connecting Kanyakumari has been slowed down. I will request the Railway Minister to expedite this line.

In my constituency there is no industry of any worth. If a chemical industry is started using salt as the raw material which is abundant in our place, many people will find employment. Also, Sir, for want of nuts, many cashew factories have been closed, throwing thousands of men and women out of work. In Kanyakumari District there are many rubber estates. We have the finest Latex in the world. We can start rubber factories also.

Our people are assured of a good, clean Government. But we have to undo the wrong done by the previous Government. We have to institute Commissions to investigate the Nagarwala episode. This Commission may be able to tell us why Nagarwala and the investigating officers were promoted from this world to the other world.

Were they in the way of anybody's world of pleasure? They disappeared from this world in a very suspicious manner.

A thorough investigation should also be made into the Maruthi affair. Though no car came out of this so-called Maruthi Factory, truckloads of materials will be found out which will point out the wrong-doers and their activities.

The present Government surely owes a duty to expose the untruth of the past Government.

There was consistent propaganda that Jansanghus burst Kamaraj's house on November 7, 1966 and that Kamaraj's supporters who vote for Janatha are therefore traitors. Posters to that effect were displayed all over Tamil Nadu. I want to ask some questions. Who was the Prime Minister at that time? Was it not Mrs Indira Gandhi? Why did Nanda resign from his Home Ministership? Why did not the then Government think it fit to publish the report regarding the incident? What is the truth? Yes, the truth will come out one day and those people who printed posters will hang their heads in shame.

Sir, some Hon. Members from the opposite side voiced concern about the Sarkaria Commission Report. Though I am not competent, I can say as a member of the ruling party that justice will be done. Our measuring yard will not shrink or bend for anybody. Likewise, nobody will be left out of enquiries by Commissions. Yes, our Janata Government will see that all wrong-doers are spotted out and brought to book. We will uphold justice.

I want to make another point, Sir. While the hatchet men of the hellish black laws need to be replaced, good men are not lacking in administration. Such men should be entrusted with

responsibilities Their hands should be strengthened Then only they will discharge their duties without fear or favour The fear complex must go from the minds of the people Those hearts which are engulfed with fear and terror will not blossom forth with good ideas of fragrance Gandhiji wanted to get rid of fear from the hearts of the people The dreams of Gandhiji have come true The country is under the stewardship of a true Gandhian, Shri Morarji Desai who will not alter his path or falter in his deeds

We have rediscovered India Let me quote Rabindranath Tagore

'Where the mind is without fear
and the head is held high

where knowledge is free,

where words come out from the
depth of truth

where tireless strivings stretch
its arms towards perfection

into that heaven of freedom my
Father, let my country awake"

The prophetic dream has come true

The only way to thank the courageous and bold people of India who lived and acted upto the expectations of poets like Tagore and Barathi is to do our duty and serve them well.

Let me thank our Acting President for his address Let me thank the Speaker for permitting me to speak and let me thank one and all for lending to their ears for some minutes for the maiden speech of a young man who hails from Kanyakumari where Vivekananda meditated three days before attaining sublimation Let us remember the clarion call of that great sage and patriot "Awake arise and stop not till the goal is achieved"

SHRI B. K. NAIR (Mavelikara) I shall make a very short speech. I come from Kerala The pattern of voting in Kerala has been quite different from what it has been in North India, the same applies to the other States in South India But no mention has been made in the President's Address about the difference in the pattern of voting What has been said is that the entire people of India have voted in a particular line The entire people of India have not voted in a particular line In regard to the southern States the voting pattern has been different and this fact has not been mentioned in the President's Address

In the President's Address it has been said that the Government is pledged to removal of destitution within a definite time frame of ten years This is a tall claim for any Government to make Crores of people are involved and 70 per cent of the people of India are below the poverty line There is no magic wand by which the poverty of the entire nation can be removed in ten years There should have been concrete and detailed programmes mentioned by the Government When they say that rural development would be taken up there should have been definite point by point clarification as to what projects will be taken up

My own suggestion is that the entire rural economy can be revived only by giving a proper and reasonable price to the farmers The actual cost of production should be the basis for the assessment of the price of the produce To have the same price structure for the whole of India will not be correct

In order to remove the poverty of the rural masses one step should be to provide for a uniform wage rate for all agricultural workers throughout the country There should be no disparity in wage rates For example in Kerala we are paying Rs 7

[Shri B K Nair]

each to women agricultural workers and Rs 10 each to men agricultural workers, whereas in Andhra Pradesh where agriculture is more remunerative, the wages paid are less, so also in the Thanjavur delta the wages paid are less. I do not think that there is any justification, whatsoever to have this sort of disparity in the wages of agricultural workers particularly in view of the fact that in almost all other organized industries like cotton and sugar more or less uniform wage rates have been brought into force. Why not have this uniform wage rate in the field of agriculture also which is now being established on a State wide basis? The prices are fixed on a uniform basis. The wages also must be fixed on a uniform basis.

My own suggestion about rural development is to go in for a nationwide programme of house-building for the poor people. It has a two fold advantage: one is providing shelter to the poor man, and the other is providing large scale employment. If the locally available material is utilised it provides still a larger scope for employment. In Kerala we had this programme of providing one lakh houses for the poor, and within a period of two years or so we have been able to provide not less than 65,000 houses, and the remaining houses are also being built. This has provided large scale employment to the poor people thereto: the brick makers, to the lime-makers, masons, carpenters and other categories of labour etc. Therefore as a measure of providing large scale employment in the rural areas house-building for the poor people—low cost housing—may be one of the programmes adopted by the Government. The Government should go in for an intensive geological survey of the country. Some steps have been taken in this respect, but if we want to have mineral development an intensive geological survey is necessary and it will brighten the entire countryside. That will also provide em-

ployment and that is the only way by which we can build up a new economy.

We talk and complain of migration from the rural areas to the urban centres. One way of tackling this problem is to insist that industries should hereafter be opened in rural centres only. There should be no encouragement to industries coming up in urban areas. The scope of industries should be increased in the countryside and once the industries are taken there, there would be more scope for employment and the entire village life would be brightened. People would not come to the urban areas for finding employment. Communication would be improved and the general health would be improved in the villages. This is one way of improving our rural side. We should insist that industries should hereafter, as far as possible, be set up in the countryside.

There is another important matter to which I would like to draw the attention of the House. There are lakhs of fishermen in our country residing on our external coastline. They are the neglected and forgotten people. If we develop this sector and provide the required facilities a lot of relief can be provided to them. The fishermen as a class are taken for granted: nobody has even spoken a word about them. They continue to be in misery: there is no proper housing for them and no attention is paid for education of their children. As I said, they are just taken for granted. If we take into account the value of what they are producing on the one hand and the way they are living on the other it would be clear that they are not getting a fair deal. Their occupation accrues a lot of benefit to the nation but they continue to live in misery. Government should take action to provide amenities to them: provide facilities for the education of their children and open up new fishing harbours. With a small investment of

money, Government will be able to provide large scale employment to these people which would result in the improvement of economy of this country

Now, I would like to say a word on behalf of the members of this side to the hon. Members on the other side. We offer our whole-hearted cooperation to the Government in power. We may have our differences, but we expect that hereafter the speeches from the other side will be based on reason and not mere emotion or passion and will be giving more light than heat, there will be no acrimony and hatred. As I said, we are here to co-operate with them constructively. They should consider our suggestions with an open mind. We do hope this phase of acrimony and vituperation and heat will certainly cease shortly.

Lastly I would like to say that if you think of India, divided into South and North and if you identify the Janata Party only with the people in the North we will not be strengthening the forces of integration of the country and building of a united India. Even if for the time being because of anger you want to identify yourself with the Hindi speaking area as against the South, I do hope at least when you come to matters of administration or to laying down policies at a later stage you will give proper attention to the conditions in South, our grievances and demands. I do hope the Government, under Shri Morarji Desai will not be so short-sighted and prejudiced as to ignore our grievances and demands. We should all join together to preserve the integrity and stability of the country. Sir, up to now on different occasions, we have been witnessing instability in certain States, some governments going and some other party forming the government or coalitions coming up. That sort of instability in the State level is something which we can afford but not instability at the Cen-

tre. This government should continue for the full period whatever shortcomings may be there. It is in the interests of all of us and it is in the interests of the entire nation that there should be no instability injected into the present structure. This government should continue to get support from all sections of the Parliament. But one thing. The government also should try to remove any element of distrust or any element of a feeling of distance that some sections might feel about it and they should try to bring about an atmosphere of confidence and mutual co-operation. That also will make for stability in the administration because in the nascent stage we should not have any feeling or even a threat of instability in the centre and it is in the interests of all of us that we co-operate fully and wholeheartedly for a stable and healthy government.

I think Mr. Morarji Desai, our revered leader and our other friends over there who till the other day were in the Congress and many of them had been in the State administration cannot in a spirit of political vendetta put the entire blame for whatever shortcomings that are there on the Congress Party. Some of them were holding positions in the Central government and some also in the State administration. For whatever problems the country is facing you cannot put the entire blame on the Congress. Shortcomings are there. So, let us in a spirit of, not forget and forgive but in a spirit of understanding and healthy co-operation forget all that has happened in the election and try to get on with the job of providing employment for the masses and banishing poverty from the land which is a colossal job. I hope the same spirit of co-operation and understanding will be forthcoming from the all sides.

MR CHAIRMAN Shri Ramnarain Tiwari—not here. Shri Samarendra Kundu—he is also not here. Shri Hukam Dutt Narain Yadav—also absent.

Yes Shri C. N. Viswanathan.

SHRI C. N. VISWANATHAN (Tirupattur) First I wish to congratulate the present government on introducing so many drastic and welcome measures like reinstatement of the dismissed railway employees. Though it is a big problem, the government has announced its decision so soon after its formation.

In the early stage itself there was an adjournment motion regarding Jammu and Kashmir and the Home Minister and the Prime Minister announced that there will be elections within three months. At the same time we were expecting the Home Minister and the Prime Minister to announce the date for elections in Tamil Nadu as also in Pondicherry. The Janata Party has also said that they are ready to face the people any time. In Tamil Nadu we are at present having President's rule after the dissolution of the Assembly in 1976. The DMK Government was removed by the former Prime Minister due to corruption and misrule. The Report given by the Sarkaria Commission has been laid on the table of the House. When we asked the Prime Minister and the Home Minister about its further sitting, we were told that it would take its own time and that the law would take its own course. Nearly three months have elapsed but the date has not been announced when the Sarkaria Commission will sit in New Delhi or in Tamil Nadu.

Sufficient evidence has been given to show that the DMK Government has misused their power and there has been corruption in so many Departments of the Government. They utilized the Government machinery for their own purpose. They have built houses. Six cases have been proved. No chargesheet has been given so far. No action has been taken against the ex-Ministers in Tamil Nadu. ex-Ministers in Tamil Nadu are misusing their power again.

I can prove that ex-Ministers with the aid of police and others have misused the power at the time of polling. In my Constituency too it happened like that. I do not know with whose encouragement they are still doing that. I think Government will frame charges against the corrupt Ministers. Action can be taken against them under Criminal Procedure Code.

Justice must be done in proper time otherwise it is of no use. Justice delayed is justice denied.

There are so many cases against the DMK Government and ex-Ministers. Why is Government hesitating to take action and waiting? We do not know. I hope the hon. Prime Minister will announce dates for Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu election and he will announce the date for the sitting of the Sarkaria Commission.

I want to draw the attention of the hon. Prime Minister against the Land Reforms Act. In Tamil Nadu they had fixed ceiling of 15 standard acres for a farm. We want to know whether 15 acres will continue or it will be reduced further and the poor farmer will be allowed to have land. There are so many benami transactions. Whether the former Government whom I do not blame did something or not, whether proper wages have been given to the farmer or not. I want to say that Janata Government should take immediate steps to give proper wages to the poor labourers who are getting only Rs 2 per day. They are labouring for Rs 2 per day. What is the value of Rs 2 these days? It is not more than 50 to 60 paise. In Tamil Nadu the agricultural labourers are very poor. Wages have to be given according to the Act. Although the Act is there nobody is giving proper wages to the agricultural labourers. Land Development Banks which had given loans to the farmers are collecting these loans forcibly from the farmers. If the farmers are not

paying the loans sometimes their motors, their pump sets etc are seized, sometimes their vessels are being taken away from their houses by these Land Development Bank officers I had attended so many cases, I asked them to give some time to the farmers There is no Assembly there. That is why the officers take the law into their own hands and they are collecting vessels also from these poor farmers I request the Prime Minister to ask these Land Development Bank officers to wait for some more time to recover the loan from the farmers

I wish to draw your attention to one other point The DMK Slum Clearance Board Chairman was asked to pay fine for the violation of the Customs Law I don't want to name the ex-MLA the Slum Clearance Board Chairman He and his wife had been arrested and they paid the fine in the Customs Office itself

AN HON MEMBER He has been acquitted.

SHRI C N VISWANATHAN. Mr Kumari Anandan talked about Mr Kamaraj

AN HON MEMBER The time is already five minutes past 7-30

MR. CHAIRMAN If you have no objection I can extend it till 8 I think you have no objection

SHRI K. MALLANNA (Chitradurga) The Parliamentary Affairs Minister is there The Prime Minister is there Let them re-fix some time tomorrow as it is very difficult now to sit further

SHRI C N VISWANATHAN It is not New Delhi, it is New Delhi, —it will carry out news to other parts of India There are number of things

needed in my constituency I don't want to go into this in detail. But I want to tell one thing to the Government In my constituency nearly Rs. 17 crores worth of sandalwood has been put under auction If the same sandalwood can be utilised by starting a factory, the constituency people will get benefit and it will help to solve the unemployment problem. If a factory had been started there, this unemployment problem will go and at least thousand people in my constituency will be benefited Now, what has happened is this Rs 17 crores worth of sandalwood had been taken away to some other constituency, to some other State, though it is in India. This new factory may be started by the new Government and I expect this news to come from New Delhi. I expect this announcement by the new Government that this factory will be started there

Mr Kumari Anandan said something about Mr Kamaraj, our beloved leader The late Shri Kamaraj never said in his last words that the Congress-O should have the alliance with the DMK corrupt people Kamaraj in his lifetime said, "the DMK are corrupt, they have misused their power, they should be punished". This is what Kamaraj said all his life Mr Kumari Anandan cannot deny what I say The people in Tamilnadu know this Everybody spoke of the DMK as the corrupt people I am expecting an announcement from the Prime Minister regarding the sitting of the Inquiry Commission. I hope he will make announcements regarding the elections in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry We are ready to face the people

On behalf of the Anna DMK I request the Prime Minister to announce a date about conduct of elections in Tamil Nadu when he replies to the debate tomorrow Thank you.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Tuesday, April 5, 1977/Chaitra 15, 1899 (Saka)

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LOK SABHA DEBATES

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, April 4, 1977/Chaitra EL, 1899
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

WELCOME TO THE PARLIAMEN-
TARY DELEGATION FROM
FINLAND

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER At the outset, I have to make announcement

On behalf of the Speaker, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Hon'ble Members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming the Hon'ble Members of the Parliamentary Delegation from Finland who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests. The members of the delegation are

- 1 Mr Kuurno Horkonen M.P.,
Leader of the delegation
- 2 Mr Ralf Friberg, M.P.
- 3 Mr Pertti Salolainen, M.P.
- 4 Mrs Terhi Nieminen, M.P.
- 5 Mr Heimo Linna, M.P. and
- 6 Mr Jaakko Hissa

The delegation arrived early this morning and will be in India till the 9th April. They are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Parliament Government and the People of Finland.

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ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMEN- DATIONS OF HATHI COMMITTEE

*1 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the present stage of implementation of the recommendations of Hathi Committee on Drugs, and

(b) particulars of final decisions taken/proposed to be taken recommendation wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b) The Report of the Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Industry (Hathi Committee) has been under consideration of the Government. Final decision on the various recommendations made by this Committee shall be taken as soon as possible.

SHRI VASANT SATHE This Report of the Hathi Committee as the hon. Minister will be knowing, has been there for quite some time before the Government and we thought that in view of the importance of the recommendation it will be implemented with all earnestness. But so many things have transpired in between and may I particularly invite the attention of the hon. Minister, who is a dynamic person himself, to the recommendation in Chapter V, at page 86 of the Report. Para 4 says

"Between 1952 and 1965 and even upto 1968 we know multi national units and a few Indian units operating in this country received a big impetus to boost their turn over in

the shape of 'Permission Letters' 364 of these items were permitted to be manufactured by 15 leading foreign units. Four of these items were bulk drugs and the remaining 360 items were formulations many of which could have easily been manufactured by the Indian Sector.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER You are entitled to supplementary

SHRI VASANT SATHE His reply was only that it is under consideration. I am reading this out to invite his attention so that he can give reply in full. This is a short thing.

"The formulations included household remedies, such as formulations containing vitamins and minerals many of which did not require a doctor's prescription cough mixtures, ring worm ointments, 'Health salts' gripe mixtures, laxative tablets etc."

The particular recommendation of the Committee is that these 117 well-known medicines for the common man should be manufactured in India by the Public Sector and also by the Indian Sector. What is the Government's policy regarding this?

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA Sir I had already submitted that the matter is under consideration. So far as this Government is concerned it is a question of days that we have been here. Shri Sathe would recall, as a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha and who continues even now, that the shoe is on some one else's leg.

Right now I can assure him that it will not take as long as the other side took when they were sitting on this side. I can assure him that the whole of the recommendations will receive due consideration. Many of them are unexceptionable.

SHRI VASANT SATHE I thank the hon. Minister for promising to take expeditious action. I would also

like to invite his attention to another important recommendation about having a national drugs authority both for production as well as qualitative control and price control. What is the Government's thinking relating to this? Perhaps he might not have applied his mind.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA We are intensively thinking on the whole question.

SHRI CHITTA BASU Sir the hon. Minister is reported to have observed very recently that it is Government's policy to provide medicines for millions. In view of this observation having been made recently by the hon. Minister may I know from the Government whether some of the recommendations of the Hathi Committee are directly related to taking measures in the matter of translating into action the so called efforts? If so I want to know whether he is in a position to assure the House that he will take immediate steps for the supply of medicines at cheapest rates to the masses of our country.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA Sir not a day more than is necessary will be lost in finalising the Government's views on this very important and specific sector of our economy.

SHRI SONU SINGH PATIL Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Hathi Committee had declared the permission letters and the COB licences as without any legal backing? If so will he be pleased to declare all such activities as illegal? Is it a fact that the COB licence and permission letters so declared were for the production of the extent of Rs 184 crores out of the national production of Rs 450 crores in 1976-77? If this is so why was this production of non-essential items by the foreign firms allowed? What is the intention of the Government? Is it their intention to stop it?

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA As I said, this is a new Government and anything done by the predecessor Government is also under review along with the recommendations of the Hathu Committee. I think it has done a great service in the matter of this particular sector.

DR SUSHILA NAYAR Sir, I would like to know whether it has been the policy and it has been discussed for a long long time that certain drugs which are commonly required should be produced in bulk and supplied to the consumers at cheap rate. So far some steps have been taken in regard to what are regarded as lifesaving drugs which are required by very few people. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether he is in a position to tell us as to what is being done to supply commonly required drugs like aspirin, vitamin and other drugs for children at as cheap a rate as possible. This can only be done if they are produced in bulk and also if they are produced by the small manufacturers whose overheads are small as compared to the big manufacturers of drugs.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA Sir, the hon. Member being a physician has a good deal of experience and I agree with her that a lot of things should be done. But I have only asked for a very small reprieve so that we can come out with a total policy in regard to this question.

SHRI NATVARLAL B. PARMAR I would like to know whether the recommendations of the Hathu Committee have been twisted diluted and changed by the officials in the interest of the multi-nationals like Pfizer, Sandoz and "Lay & Baker". If so, the details thereof.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA The question of dilution does not arise because the whole thing has not yet been finalised. I can assure the hon. Member that anything that is done by this go-

vernment will not be in the interest of anyone except India.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Is the Minister aware of the fact that a multi-national organisation of drugs viz., OPPI of Bombay has set up a very powerful lobby in the Capital with their huge office of a resident representative to stall the recommendations of the Hathu Committee by influencing the officials. If so, what steps have been taken by the government in this regard?

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA The greatest guarantee against all these types of activities is my hon. friend Shri Bosu. So we need not be afraid of the resident representative.

PURCHASE OF CRANES BY ONGC FROM DEMAG OF GERMANY

*2 **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission or any other Government Oil Organisation has bought cranes and other items from DEMAG of Germany,

(b) if so, facts thereof and

(c) who are their representatives/agents in India?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA)
(a) to (c) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (c) The ONGC invited open tenders in 1973 for the purchase of 8 truck mounted mobile cranes of 40/45 tonne capacity. Since one of the firms reduced its offer after the opening of the tenders, the ONGC held negotiations with all firms who had made technically acceptable offers. The re-

vised offers of these firms were as follows —

| Name of the firm,
Indian agent | Name of machine | Source | FOB price for 8
cranes
(Rs) | CIF price for 8
cranes
(Rs) |
|---|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Earth Moving & Machinery Co New Delhi | Hoist 5460 | USA | 1 34 crores | 1 58 crores |
| 2 Nischo Iwai Japan. | Lunk belt HC-218 J | Japan | 1 42 crores | 1 62 crores |
| 3 Escorts Ltd Fardabad | North West 60-T | USA | 1 32 crores | 1 74 crores |
| 4 Maruti Heavy Vehicles Ltd Gurgaon. | Demag TC-280-L | German | 1 62 crores | 1 76 crores |

2. After duly considering these offers, the ONGC proposed that orders should be placed with the lowest tenderers namely M/s. Earth Moving and Machinery Co. New Delhi for American Hoist Cranes. While this proposal was being examined in the Ministry M/s. Maruti Heavy Vehicles Ltd. Gurgaon the Indian agents for Demag cranes revised their offer from Rs 1.76 crores to Rs. 1.70 crores (CIF)

3. The Minister of Petroleum did not agree with the ONGC's proposal and expressed the view that Demag cranes should be purchased even though these were not the lowest priced. This view was ultimately accepted by the Ministry of Finance and ONGC were thereupon asked in February 1976 by the Ministry of Petroleum to place an order on Maruti Heavy Vehicles Limited for 8 Demag cranes, at a total cost of Rs 1.70 crores.

4. Spare parts for the aforesaid Demag cranes have been ordered in March 1977 for Rs 22 lakhs through Maruti Heavy Vehicles (Pvt) Ltd.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Sir in this context I would like to know whether the ONGC's requirement was genuine or not because I have great doubt as this involves Mr. Indira and Son and Co Ltd. The ONGC required

8 truck-mounted mobile cranes of 40-45 tonnes each. The tender calling was an eye wash as they had urged the erstwhile pseudo socialist Minister Shri Malaviya to give the business to Maruti Heavy Vehicles Ltd., New Delhi and the Commission for this deal was about 21 per cent which was wholly paid in foreign exchange. The business was given to Maruti Heavy Vehicles Ltd. New Delhi as they were the agents of the West German firm called Demag.

Sir in the context of what I have said is it also a fact that the erstwhile pseudo socialist Minister Shri Malaviya in his note dated 29th January 1976 overruled the ONGC's recommendation that the lowest quotation should be accepted. He had stated on the file

"I do not agree with ONGC's recommendation to buy the US cranes which seems to have been motivated by the lower cost of these cranes."

Sir I would also like to know whether it is a fact that the business was given to Maruti Heavy Vehicles Ltd. New Delhi, even when their quotation was Rs. 1.76 crores and that of the Earth Moving and Machinery Company that is HOIST was Rs. 1.58 crores.

I would also like to know whether the erstwhile Minister also stated on the file

I am not convinced that the cheapest should prove best for us. More so because Demag machines are stronger and sturdier. It can be used for longer periods.

They might enjoy that reputation second to none. Demag is a good international company outside the U.S.A. and we should try and establish special relations with them. Therefore I want to know what are the other things that he said. He also said "I do not see any useful purpose in pursuing for further reduction in price. I would like to know about it from the hon. Minister."

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA It is a fact, Sir, that Maruti Heavy Vehicles Ltd. Gurgaon was given this tender in spite of their higher bid and the lower ones were left out. It is also true that the then Petroleum Minister Mr. Malaviya made the notings on the file but my hon. friend appears to know more about it than myself. I do not have the file with me. Therefore I will not challenge him on that score. But if my memory goes right the claim of the hon. Member appears to be somewhat the way it appears on the file.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Is it also a fact that the honourable erstwhile Congress Minister Shri C. Subramaniam who is sitting here on our right—the Minister of Finance requested the Minister for Petroleum to reconsider his decision and let the ONGC accept the lowest tender for the supply of American hoist cranes. Thereupon the former Petroleum Minister recorded that the quotation be considered favourably. The Finance Minister said, "Do not accept the lowest quotation. Give this to any other capitalist country except the highest quotation because it involves the Prime Minister's son Mr. Sanjay Gandhi. What a

shame and what a bad day for the country!"

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER What is the question now?

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU The question is whether the erstwhile Finance Minister has turned down the recommendations of his own Ministry, i.e., Secretary of Expenditure and has approved the quotation of the much higher price from another capitalist country.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA It is a have gone through this very unfortunate case with some concern and anxiety. But I think of them that made the decision unfortunate but to the nation it is serious. But I think Mr. Subramaniam knows the use of English better than any one of us do. He never said "Give it to any one." He put it in the words "make the tender more competitive." So I do not really know whether his Ministry thereafter took care to see his noting and follow his advice or not. The whole thing concerning that appeared to have been done in a manner which creates so many doubts in many good intentioned minds.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU On a point of order. I have given notice to lay it on the Table of the House. Under Rule 368 I have given prior notice and provided a copy to you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr. Bosu, in the first place the document has not been seen by anybody. So I request you to give it at the Table of the House and we shall see whether it can be laid on the Table.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Sir, you cannot proceed without disposing of it.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER I have already disposed of it. You have given it at the Table and we will examine what can be done.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I have complied with the requirements as per the rules. You can take the arbitrary decisions here. I have complied with the rules. I have given an advance copy to the Secretary General. How on earth can you say that I should hand it over at the Table?

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Under the rules the Speaker has to look into the document and the Speaker has not had the time to look into it.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Kindly see rule 363 and also directions 117 and 118. They provide that an advance copy should be given; it should be authenticated and notice should be given before 10 O'clock. You say it will be looked into.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER You have just handed over the document.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Before the sitting of the House. Do not say things which are not correct.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The Speaker has had no time to look into it. I have already given my ruling. It will be looked into and if it is in order to lay it on the Table you will be permitted to lay it on the Table.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I am now giving you this copy; you can do what you like. (Laid on the Table of the House. Placed in Library. See Vol. 174A/77)

DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMI So far the hon. Minister has answered only one part. In view of that I should like to know about the other item. May I know whether the ONGC had also invited tenders for 24 trucks and then also the tender was given to Maruti Company or? (Hear, Hear) Trucks. Maruti is an omnibus name; their tender was high by about 2 and half times of the lowest tender but it was offered to them. Maruti instead of manufacturing the truck in

this country, imported 12 from Germany and 12 from the United States International Harvester. Mr. Sanjay Gandhi also happened to be a commission agent of that company. May I know whether these are facts and also whether the trucks were actually imported though they could have been produced in this country as we have the capacity to manufacture trucks in this country?

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA The hon. Member is asking a specific question about trucks. The information available with me is to the effect that what was brought from Germany was cranes and not trucks. Of course cranes were mounted on the trucks. To that extent they have been purchased. So far as other things are concerned I will need further information.

श्री कवर सात गुप्त उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, क्या यह सही है कि भारत हेवी इन्डस्ट्रिज से भी एन जी सी ने 6 रोड रोलेर भी खरीदे हैं जब कि उनका टेण्डर लोस्ट भी नहीं था? यह भारत हेवी इन्डस्ट्रिज एक फाट है क्योंकि इसका पास सारी मशीनरी कुल 12 हजार रुपये की है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो रोड रोलेर खरीदे गए वह कितने लागू हुए थे और वहाँ से खरीद करके वह सप्लाय किए गए? अगर यह ठीक है तो क्या मंत्री महोदय इस चीज की इन्वेंचरी करेंगे कि भी एन जी सी ने भारत हेवी इन्डस्ट्रिज से कितना मान खरीदा है और कितनी इस्ती-मीनदीज की हैं और जिन बेयरमैन या मप-सरा न गैर बानूनी बयबवाही की क्या उनके खिसार आप बयबवाही करेंगे?

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA The question is getting wider and wider. We were only concerned with crane in this question. If the hon. Members want more information which is not just now available with me they will have to give me notice. If something is brought to

my notice which is worthy of enquiry, it will be done. In the instant case I can say that this order was given over-ruling the ONGC. The ONGC had said that it should not be given to Maruti Vehicles Ltd but in the Government of India, the Petroleum Minister over-ruled that view. The Secretary to the Government is not at all responsible, I have seen the files with regard to this matter; the officers have had no hand in the matter.

श्री मधु लिमये : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं इस सम्बन्ध में माननीय मंत्री का ध्यान एक बात की ओर दिलाना चाहता हूँ जिस पर मेरा प्रश्न आधारित होगा कि श्री एन जी सी, सेक्रेटरी पेट्रोलियम, सेक्रेटरी एक्सपेंडीचर (फाइनेंस मिनिस्ट्री), सेक्रेटरी एकोनामिक अफेयर्स—हम लोग इन सिविल सर्वेंट्स के ऊपर हमेशा हमला करते हैं जब वे गलत काम करते हैं, मैं स्वयं भी करता हूँ लेकिन यह जो मामला है कैन वाला इससे इमरजेंसी का गदा चेहरा बिल्कुल साफ आपका सामने आता है। चार-चार सिविल सर्विस के अधिकारियों ने लगातार कहा कि यह नहीं होना चाहिये, लेकिन हमारे श्री केशव देव मालवीय ने—उनका नाम मुझे अवश्य लेना चाहिये, क्योंकि वे बड़े प्रगतिशील हैं, हमारे रूसी मित्र भी उनको बड़ा प्रगतिशील मानते हैं—इसमें हस्तक्षेप किया। इस लिये मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि इस तरह का राजनीतिक स्तर पर जो हस्तक्षेप हुआ और सजय के सामने और उनके मारुति हैवी इंडीवल्स के सामने ये लोग जो लगे हैं—केशव देव मालवीय और हमारे लायक दोस्त श्री सी० सुब्रह्मण्यम्—तो क्या आपके पास इस बात की कोई जानकारी है कि प्रधान मंत्री के डर से, इन अधिकारियों ने द्वारा जो राय दी गई थी, उस राय को बदल दिया गया? क्या आप इस बात की भी जांच करायेंगे—जैसा उन्होंने कहा है कि इनको कोई कमीशन नहीं मिली, लेकिन हमको जानकारी है कि इनको हायर प्राइस पर 21 प्रतिशत और लोअर प्राइस पर 15 प्रतिशत

कमीशन विदेशी मुद्रा में मिली है और जो विदेशी बैंको में जमा है? क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बात का भी आश्वासन देंगे कि आप प्राइम मिनिस्टर साहब, फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर साहब और आप के रेवेन्यू इंटेलिजेंस से बात करने अपने खुफिया विभाग के द्वारा इसकी जांच करायेंगे कि इसमें सत्य क्या है?

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा : मान्यवर, माननीय मधु लिमये जी के प्रश्न के दो भाग हैं। पहले भाग में उन्होंने यह कहा है कि तमाम अधिकारियों की राय के विरुद्ध तत्कालीन मंत्री श्री केशव देव मालवीय ने जो आज्ञा दी वह अनुचित थी। यह किसके दबाव से हुआ? मेरी राय में मैं इस वकन इतना ही कह सकता हूँ कि उन्होंने जो आदेश दिये वे उचित नहीं थे। उन्होंने तमाम अपसरों को ओवर क्लब किया—किस के डर से किया, किस के कहने से किया।

श्री मधु लिमये : मैं सिर्फ इतना पूछना चाहता हूँ—क्या आप इस की जांच करायेंगे?

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा : उनका दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि उनको कुछ विदेशी मुद्रा मिली या नहीं मिली। माननीय मधु लिमये जी ने जो पूछताछ की है, मैं इस बात को माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी के सामने—इस सारे प्रश्न के सभी अंशों की वावत, मेरी अपनी राय, सदन में माननीय सदस्या ने जो बातें कही हैं वे अब उन तक पहुँचा दूंगा। मेरी राय में सरकार पूरी जानकारी प्राप्त करना शायद जरूर पसन्द करेगी।

श्री मनोहर लाल : मारुति, जिसके मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर मुवा सम्पाद सजय गाधी हैं, 4 करोड़ का मामला है।

श्री हुकम चन्द कद्वाय : उसको क्यों इतना बढ़ा रहे हो।

श्री मनोहर लाल : मैं तयामधित मुक्क-सम्पाद कह रहा हूँ। उत्तर प्रदेश रोडवेज की 450 बसेज की बाड़ी बनाते ...

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER This question relates to ONGC Your supplementary does not arise out of this. Next question.

श्री मनोहर लाल उपाध्याय महादय,
यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण मामला है। साइडे चार
बरोड की बात है—लेकिन आप मुझ समय
नहीं दे रहे हैं 450 बमेज की बाडी बनाने का
मामला है

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER I have already said that it does not arise out of this question I have already called the next question

Judges in Madras High Court

*3 SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the sanctioned strength of judges of the High Court of Madras

(b) whether any judges are working in that High Court on temporary basis, and

(c) the reasons for not filling up the vacancies there if any?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) The sanctioned strength of the High Court of Madras at present is 16 Permanent Judges and 6 Additional Judges

(b) At present 14 permanent Judges and 2 Additional Judges are in position.

(c) The matter has been under the consideration of Government Consultation with various authorities has taken time

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM Only 16 Judges have been working as against the sanctioned strength of 22 May I know for how long there

vacancies were kept in abeyance? If it is a long period, will the Minister examine why it is so? May I know whether the basis on which the sanctioned strength was fixed was wrong? Is it not a fact that because these vacancies existed for a very long time it resulted in arrears piling up in the High Court?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The two vacancies of permanent judges have been existing since 1st August 1975 and there have been other additional vacancies also for a considerable period. The reason for the appointment not having been made is that the Chief Justice of the Court and the Chief Justice of India have to be consulted and they have been changing their opinions. So far as the present Government is concerned the hon Member would appreciate that it has come to office only recently. The whole matter is under the examination of the present Government and we hope to take a decision very quickly in the matter.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM I cannot hold the present Minister responsible for the delay. But will he examine the cause for this inordinate delay? In view of the amendment to the Civil Procedure Code and the Criminal Procedure Code will the Government examine whether there is still need for the present sanctioned strength and whether there is any decline in the work of the High Courts?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN I may assure the hon Member that the whole question as to why the appointment to the High Court has remained pending for so long would be examined. Here I would like to make a submission that so far as the recommendation of the Chief Justice of the High Court and the Chief Justice of India is concerned in view of Article 121 of the Constitution that there should be no discussion about the conduct of judges

it is not right to discuss the conduct in public of persons holding judicial authority because that is likely to impair their efficiency. I assure the hon Member that all his sentiments in the matter would be borne in mind. The whole matter would be very closely examined before the Government takes a decision.

So far as the other part of the question is concerned, this would also be examined as to what the strength of the High Courts should be keeping in view the various amendments which have been made in the CPC and CrPC. I hope the hon Member will bear with me.

SHRI RAMA CHANDRA MALICK Whether it is a fact the large number of cases are still pending in the Madras High Court and other courts and what action Government is contemplating in this regard?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN It is true that in various High Courts there are arrears and therefore the matter is receiving very close consideration of the Government. The Government will devote its thought to this problem at an early date.

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR Since 1975 vacancies of two permanent judges have been lying unfilled. There are four additional judges who are working there. What prevented the Government from appointing two permanent judges out of these four additional judges? I do not think two years time is required for consultation between the Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justice of the High Court.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The question is about the appointment of two additional judges.

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR It is about two permanent judges. They are waiting from 1975 onwards.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN There were 2 additional judges, and there were 2 permanent vacancies. The question of appointing those two additional judges to the permanent vacancies was considered by the government. The recommendations of the Chief Justice of the High Court and the Chief Justice of India were obtained and in the light of the consultations with those Chief Justices, the term of those two additional judges for the time being has been extended by the previous government. So far as the present government is concerned as I said the matter is under examination as to what exactly should be done.

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR I submit that the hon Law Minister had commented on the judges of the Madras High Court. We should not make any comments on the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or of the High Courts. I admit the point. So far as the former Chief Justice of the Madras High Court Mr Veeraswami is concerned, he is facing a grave criminal charge which is pending before the sessions court at Madras. I would like to know the position of the case, its nature and whether government would look into it. We are not commenting on the conduct of the case. But that gentleman has committed criminal offences violating all justice as a matter of fact (*Interruptions*).

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I am sorry that question does not arise out of this Question.

श्री मनोहर लाल : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से, विधि मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जो भारत के विभिन्न राज्यों के हाई कोर्टों के कितने ही जजों का स्थानान्तरण किया गया उनकी प्रमोशन रोल दी गई क्योंकि उन जजों ने इंदिरा जी के मुताबिक अपने फैसले नहीं दिए थे, क्या उन जजों को वापस भेजने का आराखटा मंत्री महोदय करेंगे ?

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I must be very clear on one point The Question relates to the High Court of Madras You cannot extend it to the entire country Therefore I am very sorry I will not be able to permit that kind of a question Those who want to ask specific questions can do so (Interruption)

श्री मनोहर लाल क्या विधि मंत्री महोदय यह बतायेंगे कि क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि मद्रास की हाई कोर्ट के एक जज ने इंदिरा जी के मृत्युविक्रम पत्रिका नहीं दिया था इस कारण से उनका स्थानांतरण किया गया ? क्या मंत्री महोदय यह घोषणा करने के लिए इस प्रकार से हुए स्थानांतरण का रोकती गई प्रमोशन के सम्बन्ध में वे कार्यवाही करेंगे ?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr Manohar Lal I allowed you on the previous question as also on this question but unfortunately you seem to be asking a question which is not connected with this Question. Please be specific when you ask questions you should put them on the basis of the Question that is there

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN As far as the Madras High Court is concerned one judge was transferred from Kerala to Madras on the 3rd January 1977 As far as the transfer of judges from one High Court to another which had been made during the period of Emergency without the consent of those judges is concerned the policy of the present government is generally against it And this government would like to transfer back those judges from the High Courts to which they have been transferred, of course after obtaining their consent. If some of them want to remain where they have been transferred, it is a different matter But I would like to make one thing clear whether any exception should be made to

this general principle is still under the examination of the present government A definite policy in regard to that would be suitably considered and adopted

श्री मनोहर लाल : मेरा एक व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। आपने कहा है कि यह मद्रास के बारे में बात है और हमारे प्रांतों के बारे में सवाल नहीं किये जा सकते हैं। मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न यह है कि अगर मंत्री महोदय जवाब देना चाहें और उनके पास सवाल का जवाब देने के लिए मेटीरियल हो तो आप उनको जवाब देने दें, उनको रोकें नहीं।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER It is not a point of order I want to make it quite clear for future guidance that when there is a question on the Order Paper, the Minister will be asked to answer only that specific question and supplementaries relating to that question You cannot traverse the entire ground all over the country Even if the Minister has got the information, still he can give it only when a separate question is tabled, and not by way of answer to a supplementary

श्री हरम चन्द कछवाय मद्रास न्यायालय जैसे देश में प्रवेश उच्च न्यायालय है और अभी 7 जजों की कमी है और उस कमी की वजह से लगभग बेसिस पांच पांच और दस दस वर्षों से वैडिंग पड़े हुए हैं। मद्रास की तरफ से सभी उच्च न्यायालयों में जजा की नियुक्ति बंद कर दी जाएगी ? मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कितने जजा की कमी है और बेसिस जल्दी निपट सके इसका लिए सरकार बौन सी व्यवस्था करने जा रही है ?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN Government is fully conscious of the problem that even the sanctioned strength of Judges in the High Courts

श्री हरम चन्द कछवाय मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। मैंने प्रश्न हिन्दी में किया है और

इसका उत्तर भी हिन्दी में ही आना चाहिये ।
मन्त्री महोदय बहुत प्यारी हिन्दी बोलते हैं ।
मैं इनकी हिन्दी पर फिदा हूँ ।

श्री शान्ति भूषण : सरकार को इस बात
की पूरी जानकारी है ।

SHRI MOHANARANGAM Sir, we want the answer in English, because the whole question relates to Tamil Nadu

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER The Minister may reply in any language he pleases.

AN HON. MEMBER The translation is there

SHRI MOHANARANGAM The translation that we are getting is only half

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER The Minister can speak in any language

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN Mr Deputy-Speaker, may I say that I am equally in love with all the languages of this country? I would like to learn all the languages of this country

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR The translation that we are getting for the last five days is imperfect. So, we would like to have the replies in English.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN May I with your permission, so far as this particular question is concerned answer in both Hindi and English?

The Government is fully conscious that even the sanctioned strength of High Court Judges in various High Courts have not been maintained for long periods by the previous Government for reasons best known to them. The Government, therefore, has been examining this issue and would like to come forward with solutions to this problem, as quickly as possible

It would also be examining as to what strength is necessary in the High Courts to solve the problem of pending arrears, because the Government feels that every case must be decided as expeditiously as possible

श्री शान्ति भूषण सरकार को इस बात की पूरी जानकारी है कि हाई कोर्ट में जितने जजों की सख्या सेंकशड रही है उस पर भी उनकी नियुक्ति या जल्दी नहीं की गई है और काफी समय तक वहा पर नियुक्ति या पड़ी रही है । सरकार इस समस्या पर अपना ध्यान पूरी तौर से देगी और जल्दी ही कुछ निर्णय लेगी कि इस सम्बन्ध में क्या करना है । नियुक्ति या जल्दी होनी चाहिये, और कितने जजों की जरूरत किस हाई कोर्ट में है उसके ऊपर भी सरकार ध्यान दे कर अपनी नीति निर्धारित करेगी ।

Re-examination of Acts passed during
Emergency by High Power Committee

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*4 SHRI SAMAR GUHA
SHRI BASHIR AHMAD

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up a high power Committee to re-examine all the Acts passed by Government during period of Emergency from June 26, 1975 to March 23, 1977, and

(b) if so main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) While Government have decided as a matter of policy to undertake a thorough review of MISA and examine the existing laws to see whether they are adequate to deal with eco-

nomic offences and the security of the country without denying the citizen the right of access to courts no decision has so far been taken to set up a high powered Committee for the purpose.

(b) Does not arise

SHRI SAMAR GUHA I am sorry to point out that though he is a very eminent lawyer he has not given proper attention to the Question. I had not mentioned MISA only. He has, by passed the main burden of my question. It is known that during the emergency about 101 general Acts which related to economic, political and judicial matters as also labour and various other problems were adopted by Parliament. These deal with very vital issues and affect the people as a whole. So I want to know whether Government will institute a thorough enquiry through an expert legal committee including representatives of Government as well as of the Supreme Court and High Court Bar Associations to go into the merits and demerits of these Acts and recommend whether some of them should be amended or repealed. He should go deep into the matter and say categorically whether all these Acts would be probed into by a high power expert legal committee.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The policy to review the Acts has been indicated by the Government in Paragraph 6 of the Address to Parliament by the Acting President of India. The policy is to review those Acts which had imposed curbs on the fundamental freedoms and civil rights of the people with a view to restoring the rule of law and the right to freedom of expression to the press. A large number of Acts had been passed during the period of the emergency. In fact the number of Acts passed by Parliament was 138. They include a number of Acts which are of a controversial nature. Government would review all those Acts which are of a controversial nature in

order to determine what is to be done, but so far no decision has been taken regarding the method to be adopted for reviewing those Acts. However the suggestion regarding the setting up of a high power committee for this purpose will be considered by the Government.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA My second question relates to constitutional amendments passed during the emergency. We were in jail for most of the time and we do not know exactly how many were adopted. As far as I know, five Acts were passed by Parliament, and they have completely changed the basic character of our Constitution.

I want to know from the Government—this time, they have used different words—whether a national commission is to be instituted by the Government to enter into a national dialogue with all sections of the people including the legal experts and men of legal opinions to see that are the provisions of the Acts which should be amended, what are the amendments that we have already adopted which should be repealed or changed or amended so that the principle of democracy and socialism as is our objective in our recent manifesto is defended and the people are assured that in future there is no possibility whatsoever of this kind of emergency taking advantage of the vague clause of emergency in the Constitution and there is no possibility, whatsoever to enforce any autocratic and tyrannical rule to which the whole country was subjected to?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The Government proposes to bring a comprehensive measure for constitutional amendments which will also cover 42nd Constitution Amendment Bill and the provisions would have to be adopted in order to finalise the decision of the Government. In regard to what amendments have to be made in the Constitution this is under the

consideration of the Government and the Government would be taking a decision thereon very shortly

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD There is a 42nd Constitution Amendment Bill. There are two amendments to the Civil Procedure Code and the Criminal Procedure Code. By virtue of these amendments, the power of the court has been taken away and the power to approach the court has also been taken away. I would like to know from the hon Minister when he is going to make a report about these amendments and the Maintenance of Internal Security Act and by what date these amendments will be carried out so that the difficulties of the litigants may be minimised to the maximum extent.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN I have already replied that all the controversial Acts which had been passed during the period of emergency would be reviewed by the Government in order to decide as to what policy the Government would adopt in regard to the change made by these Acts. The matter referred to by the hon Member would also be suitably considered and the policy of the Government on that would be formulated.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA There are certain Acts which were passed by the previous Government which would be reviewed by the present Government. I would like to ask a specific question from the hon Minister. During the emergency certain Acts were passed to put down certain economic offences like smuggling, hoarding and blackmarketing. I would like to know what is the attitude of the present Government towards them, as far as these Acts are concerned?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The general policy.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA I am asking a specific question.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE You should ask a specific question.

(Interruptions)

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER The Minister is on his legs. The Minister will reply.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The Government's general policy is that every person before any action is taken against him must have protection from the court and the general policy to that effect would be adopted. The Government is determined to deal with such economic offences like smuggling itself with a heavy hand. The exact policy of the Government in this regard would be suitably formulated very shortly.

PROF P G MAVALANKAR The Law Minister has given us an assurance that urgent attention is already being given to the matter and they are going to review all the 138 Acts passed during the emergency by the previous Government. He knows that many of us on this side of the House during that unfortunate and sad period had opposed tooth and nail not only the more important obnoxious and controversial legislation but also the apparently non-controversial legislation. The manner in which they were brought forward and the manner in which they were hurriedly got through by the House was also opposed by us.

I would like to ask the hon Minister while he is reviewing the MISA and the 42nd Constitution Act whether he will not go into the question of all the 138 Acts including what he described as non-controversial legislation with a view to seeing whether they were passed in a right way or in a hushed-up way. I should also like to know whether the Government have decided upon any order of priorities with regard to taking up the more obnoxious Acts first and get them repealed as soon as possible so that the bad effects of those Acts are not inflicted on the people.

Secondly I would also like to know whether the hon Minister has a mind to keep the laws which are not repealed in abeyance so that this Government at least does not commit a sin of implementing those wrong, bad and unjust Acts which the previous Government got through the subservient Parliament by having a large number of Opposition leaders in jail and keeping other Opposition Members silent and even not allowing the voices of the people speaking here to go to the masses and the voters of this vast country

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN I appreciate the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member. The need of the speed in the matter and the speed in the review cannot be over-emphasized by the Government. It would engage itself in this task with the utmost expedition.

So far as the other point raised by the hon Member is concerned in regard to laws described as of a non-controversial nature the present Government also will be in agreement with the provisions contained in those Acts even though a wrong procedure or a hurried procedure, etc might have been applied by the previous Government. I would like to submit to the hon Member that if a right thing has been done and if the entire country the present Government as well as the present Opposition are in agreement with the laws which have been enacted then so far as the aspect of hurry is concerned, that may not be regarded as very important now.

श्री उपसेन : मंत्री महोदय ने कहा है कि मजिस्ट्रेट के 42वें मसौदा के समान करने के लिये वह एक समीप विधेय लाये। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या वह इस विधेय को मजिस्ट्रेट सत्र में लाये।

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN I would not be in a position to give a cate-

gorical assurance. But it would be an attempt of this Government to bring forward a comprehensive Constitution Amendment Bill in the very next session of this House.

Judicial Reforms

*5 SHRI C K CHANDRAPPA Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have already taken steps to implement various proposals of Judicial Reforms which were implied in the 42nd Amendment of the Constitution enacted by the Fifth Lok Sabha,

(b) if so, the salient features thereof, and

(c) the main features of the proposals under consideration of Government for full and speedy implementation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) to (c) It has been stated in the President's Address that during the course of the year comprehensive measure will be brought before Parliament to amend the Constitution. The 42nd Amendment of the Constitution will be taken into account when working out the proposed measure. In the meantime no steps have been taken to implement the provisions relating to creation of All India Judicial Service and treating Administration of Justice as a concurrent list subject.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA In the 42nd Constitution Amendment Act there are provisions for setting up of the tribunals for the expeditious disposal of the cases relating to land reforms and wages of agricultural workers and others. I would like to know the attitude of the present Government in this regard as to whether the delay in bringing forward a comprehensive measure will

not affect the interests of these classes of people

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN So far as the provisions of the 42nd Constitution Amendment Act relating to the setting up of the tribunals are concerned and the corresponding exclusion of the jurisdiction of the High Courts is concerned, that will also be a matter which will need examination when the policy of the Government in regard to the comprehensive Constitution Amendment is finalised

SHRI C K CHANDRAPPAN Now, since these are important matters and a large number of cases relating to land reforms are pending in courts I would like to know from the Honble Minister whether he can indicate when they can come forward approximately, with the Amendment—may be in the next session Can he give an assurance that he will be coming forward with such an amendment?

I would also like to know what will be their attitude when they come forward with the Amendment in regard to the Ninth Schedule in the Constitution—whether the Ninth Schedule in the Constitution will be abandoned as was proclaimed by the present Prime Minister

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN As I said earlier, while it would be Government's intention and effort to bring that comprehensive Constitutional Amendment measure as early as possible, perhaps in the very next Session of the House I am not in a position today to give a categorical assurance

So far as the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution is concerned that also raises important matters for consideration and so long as the Government's policy has not been formulated I would not be in a position to say anything about it.

SHRI SOUGATA ROY The Congress Government was of the opinion that justice delayed is justice denied and because so many cases relating to land reforms for the benefit of the poor landless labourers and farmers were pending in the High Court, they took up the idea of forming Tribunals for Land Reforms for procurement matters and for Labour matters under the 42nd Amendment Bill What is the attitude of the present Ministry in regard to the speedy disposal of these cases and towards the principle that justice delayed is justice denied? The Minister may please make his attitude clear

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN Government is fully conscious and believes that justice delayed is justice denied and therefore a procedure has to be there by which there is quick administration of justice and whereby disputes are settled as quickly as possible At the same time whether there can be an early disposal of disputes only by Tribunals and not in any other court which is an independent court needs examination Therefore the Government will examine all aspects of the matter before formulating its policy

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Fertilizer Plant at Paradip

*6 **SHRI PRADYUMNA DAL** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether the proposed Fertilizer Plant Project at Paradip O-155 the foundation of which was laid by the then Prime Minister in 1974 is going to be worked out and

(b) if so the progress made in the direction of execution of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA)

(a) and (b) The Paradeep fertilizer project was not so far taken up for implementation due to the resources constraint. The question of implementing this project would be considered when additional fertilizer capacity is planned.

रासायनिक उर्वरकों की कीमत

* 7 श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री - क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकारी क्षेत्र के रासायनिक उर्वरक कारखानों में यूरिया, फास्फेट और पोटाश जैसे रासायनिक उर्वरकों की प्रति टन लागत कितनी है और किसानों को इस समय उनमें से प्रत्येक उर्वरक प्रति टन किस दर पर दिया जा रहा है ?

पेट्रोलिएम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवतीनन्दन बहुगुणा) सरकारी क्षेत्र के कारखानों में यूरिया और फास्फेटिक उर्वरकों की प्रति टन निर्माण लागत अलग अलग है, जो प्रयुक्त सामग्री, अपनार्द, गर्ई प्रक्रिया, सड़क की अवधि, स्थान, उपभोगिता लागत आदि जैसे पहलुओं पर निर्भर करती है। पोटाश का, जिसको सीधे उर्वरक के रूप में और एन० पी० के० उर्वरकों में समटक के रूप में प्रयोग किया जाता है, पूर्ण रूप से आयात किया जाता है।

तीन मुख्य नाइट्रोजन युक्त उर्वरकों अर्थात् यूरिया, कैल्शियम अमोनियम नाइट्रेट और अमोनियम नाइट्रेट के गुदरा मूल्य साविकीय रूप में निरक्षित किए जाने हैं। इस समय उनके मूल्य निम्न प्रकार हैं—

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| नाइट्रेट | रुपये 1035 प्रति टन |

अमोनियम सल्फेट रुपये 935 प्रति टन (50 किलो ग्राम)
रुपये 925 प्रति टन (100 किलो ग्राम)

फास्फेटिक फर्टिलाइजर्स के मूल्य साविकीय रूप में नियंत्रित नहीं किए जाते हैं। तथापि मार्च, 1976 से, प्रचलित मूल्य समर्थन योजना के अनुसार कम्लैक्स फास्फेटिक फर्टिलाइजर्स के अधिकतम विधी मूल्य सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित किए गए हैं। इस समय प्रचलित मूल्य विवरण में दिये गये हैं जो सभा पटल पर रखा गया है। [इंडिये सध्या एन-टी-48/1977] विभिन्न एक्को द्वारा निर्मित सिंगल सुपर फोस्फेट के मूल्य फार्मूला के अनुसार, जिसकी सरकार द्वारा अनुमोदन हुआ है, फर्टिलाइजर्स एमोमिएशन आफ इंडिया द्वारा निर्धारित किये जाते हैं। मुरिएट आफ पोटाश का वर्तमान मूल्य 795 रुपये प्रति टन है जिसे कृषि मन्त्रालय द्वारा निर्धारित किया जाना है।

सरकार ने सरकारी क्षेत्र और गैर सरकारी क्षेत्र के निर्माण एक्का में उर्वरकों के उत्पादन की लागत की गहन जांच करन 4 लिए औद्योगिक लागत तथा मूल्य ब्यूरो के अध्यक्ष डा० एम० एम० मराठे की अध्यक्षता में एक समिति का गठन किया है। समिति की रिपोर्ट शीघ्र प्राप्त होने की आशा है।

Completion of Talcher Fertilizer Plant

* 8 SHRI GANANATH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Fertilizer Plant has been completed at Talcher in Orissa, and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILI-

ZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA)
(a) and (b) The Fertilizer plant at Talcher is still under implementation. According to present schedule one stream of the fertilizer plant is expected to be mechanically completed by June 1977 and commissioned by October, 1977, the second stream is expected to be mechanically completed by September 1977 and commissioned by January, 1978.

Election to Tamil Nadu Assembly

*9 SHRI K GOPAL Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state—

(a) whether elections to Tamil Nadu Assembly are proposed to be held in the near future and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) Election to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly is proposed to be held as soon as possible. No decision has however, been taken in the matter.

(b) Does not arise.

मुबेलखड एक्सप्रेस

*10 श्री सक्ष्मीनारायण नायक : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि—

(क) क्या झांसी और मुगलसराय के बीच चलने वाली मुबेलखड एक्सप्रेस झांसी से मानिकपुर के बीच पैसंजर गाड़ी के रूप में चलती है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इसे झांसी से मानिकपुर के बीच में भी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी के रूप में चलाने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही करने का विचार है?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी नहीं।

रसायनो और उर्वरकों के मूल्य

*11 श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि—

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार उर्वरक, कीटनाशक औषधियां, खरपतखर नाशक औषधियां जैसे रासायनिक पदार्थों के मूल्य कम करने का है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी योजना की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं तथा यह काम कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा।

पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवती नंदन बहुगुणा) (क) और (ख) : यह सरकार का प्रयास रहा है कि उर्वरक, कीटनाशक और शक्तिनाशक सहित परिवार्य रसायनों का मूल्य कम किया जाए ताकि इनको यथासंभव कम दाम पर उपभोक्ताओं को उपलब्ध कराया जाए। रसायनों के मूल्यों का, जो सांविधिक रूप से नियंत्रित है समय समय पर पुनरीक्षण किया जाता है।

Production of Fertilizers

*12. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARA Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state—

(a) the quantum of production of Fertilizers (all varieties) in the country, annually,

(b) present requirement of the same for land under cultivation, and

List of Chief Justice / Judges Transferred During Emergency

| S No. | Name of the Judge transferred | Name of the High Court | | Date of taking over |
|-------|--|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | | From | To | |
| 1 | Shri S. Obul Reddy
(Chief Justice) | Andhra Pradesh | Gujarat | 7-7-76 |
| 2 | Shri B. J. Divan
(Chief Justice) | Gujarat | Andhra Pradesh | 1-7-76 |
| 3 | Shri D. S. Tewatia | Punjab & Haryana | Karnataka | 28-6-76 |
| 4 | Shri O. Chinnappa Reddy | Andhra Pradesh | Punjab & Haryana | 28-6-76 |
| 5 | Shri C. Kondiah | Andhra Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh | 24-6-76 |
| 6 | Shri D. M. Chandra Shekhar | Karnataka | Allahabad | 5-7-76 |
| 7 | Shri J. R. Vinadlal | Bombay | Andhra Pradesh | 24-6-76 |
| 8 | Shri S. H. Sheth | Gujarat | Andhra Pradesh | 24-6-76 |
| 9 | Shri Sadanandaswamy | Karnataka | Gauhati | 24-6-76 |
| 10 | Shri S. I. Rangarajan | Delhi | Gauhati | 22-6-76 |
| 11 | Shri C. M. Lodha | Rajasthan | Madhya Pradesh | 28-6-76 |
| 12 | Shri A. P. Sen | Madhya Pradesh | Rajasthan | 29-6-76 |
| 13 | Shri T. U. Mehta | Gujarat | Himachal Pradesh | 7-7-76 |
| 14 | Shri D. B. Lal | Himachal Pradesh | Karnataka | 5-7-76 |
| 15 | Shri A. D. Koshal | Punjab & Haryana | Madras | 5-7-76 |
| 16 | Shri M. Baha-ud-Din Farooq | Jammu & Kashmir | Allahabad | 20-9-76 |
| 17 | Shri P. Govindan Nair
(Chief Justice) | Kerala | Madras | 3-1-77 |
| 18 | Shri Rajinder Sachar | Sikkim | Rajasthan | 10-5-76 |

List of Judges Transferred as Chief Justices during Emergency

| | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 19 | Shri S. N. Shankar | Delhi | Orissa | 1-11-75 |
| 20 | Shri M. R. A. Ansari | Delhi | Jammu & Kashmir | 29-1-76 |
| 21 | Shri Manmohan Singh Goyal | Punjab & Haryana | Sikkim | 7-5-76 |

Development of Railways in Sunderban, Hasnabad to Sealdah Station in West Bengal

Station in West Bengal after the completion of the techno-economic survey?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): Traffic Survey for construction of the following rail links in the Sunderban area of West Bengal has been completed.

*17 SHRI ALHAJ M. A. HANNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the development of the proposed Railways meant for the Sunderban, Hasnabad to Sealdah

| Name of the line | Length
(in kms) | Cost
(Rs. in crores) |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| (1) Canning-Golakari | 20 Electric Traction | 2.95 |
| (2) Likhin kampa r-Kakdwip | 30 Do. | 3.77 |
| (3) Hasnabad-Hatgachha
(Pratapadityanagar) | 29 Steam Traction | 5.10 |
| (4) Canning-Hatgachha
(Pratapadityanagar) | 30 Do. | 4.13 |
| (5) Sonarpur-Dhamkhali | 50 Do. | 2.73 |
| (6) Budge Budge to Namkhana | 82 { Steam Traction
Electric Traction | 6.45
10.30 |

As a result of the survey, the proposed new lines indicated at items 1-5 above have not been found to be economically viable in the absence of adequate traffic. The estimated capital cost of these new lines (159 kms.) would be Rs. 18.68 crores excluding rolling stock. Survey Reports have indicated that these new lines may prove to be unremunerative. A decision on the construction of these lines will depend upon the availability of resources in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Survey for Ernakulam-Alleppey Coastal Railway

*18 DR HENRY AUSTIN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the survey for the Ernakulam-Alleppey Coastal Railway in Kerala has been completed, and

(b) if so when do Government propose to start the construction thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) Yes Sir

(b) The question of taking up this project is under consideration in consultation with the Planning Com-

mission. A decision will be taken on the scheme while making a review of the 5th Five Year Plan, taking into account the availability of resources.

पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे में नियुक्त हरिजन और आदिवासी कर्मचारी

*19. श्री युवराज : क्या रेल मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे में काफी बड़ी संख्या में रेल कर्मचारी कार्यरत हैं और यदि हा, तो उनकी कुल संख्या कितनी है,

(ख) क्या इस रेलवे में नियुक्त हरिजनों और आदिवासी कर्मचारियों की संख्या उनके लिए आरक्षित पदों की संख्या से कम है, और -

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो हरिजनों और आदिवासियों के लिए आरक्षित पदों को खाली न रहने देने की सम्भावना है?

रेलमन्त्री (प्र० मधु दण्डवते) - (क) और (ख) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ?

(ग) इस कमी को यथासम्भव शीघ्र दूर करने के प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं।

विवरण

(क) पूर्वोत्तर सीमा रेलवे पर 31-3-77 को कर्मचारियों की कुल संख्या इस प्रकार थी

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| श्रेणी I | 126 |
| श्रेणी II | 364 |
| श्रेणी III | 33660 |
| श्रेणी IV (सफाई वाला को छोड़कर) | 50299 |
| श्रेणी IV (सफाई वाले) | 5727 |

(ख) हरिजनो को अनुसूचित जातियों में शामिल किया जाता है। उपर्युक्त पैरा (क) के मामले कर्मचारियों की जो संख्या दिखायी गयी है, उसमें अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के कर्मचारियों की संख्या इस प्रकार थी

धनु० जाति धनु० जनजाति

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------|------|
| श्रेणी I | 3 | 6 |
| श्रेणी II | 23 | 6 |
| श्रेणी III | 2910 | 1016 |
| श्रेणी IV (सफाई वाला को छोड़कर) | 6548 | 2931 |
| श्रेणी IV (सफाई वाले) | 4373 | 13 |

सीधी भर्ती के कोटे में अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के कर्मचारियों की संख्या में जितनी कमी थी, वह नीचे दिखायी गयी है

अनुसूचित अनुसूचित जोड़ जातियाँ जनजातियाँ

| | | | |
|-----------|----|-----|-----|
| श्रेणी II | 72 | 92 | 164 |
| श्रेणी IV | 93 | 139 | 232 |

श्रेणी III के कर्मचारियों की संख्या में कमी प्रायः तकनीकी कोटियों में है और इस कमी का कारण उपयुक्त उम्मीदवारों का उपलब्ध न होना है। श्रेणी IV के कर्मचारियों की संख्या में कमी गैरमैन की कोटि में है जिसका कारण यह है कि अनुसूचित जन जाति के उम्मीदवार अपने घरों से दूर जाकर नौकरी करने के इच्छुक नहीं हैं और अनुसूचित जातियों के मामले में कमी रिक्रिया का प्रभाव होने के कारण है।

Increase in prices of Petrol and Diesel

*20 SHRI P KANNAN Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether there has been any further increase in prices of petrol, diesel and other lubricating oils recently and

(b) if so the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b) Recently there has been no increase in the ex refinery or basic coaling selling prices of petrol, diesel oil or lubricating oil.

Production by Fertilizer Factories and Requirement of Fertilizers in the country

I PROF SHIBBAN LAL SAKSENA Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the names of the various fertilizer factories, Government owned and private owned, all over the country with their annual production in each of the last three years,

(b) the names and places of new fertilizer factories under construction with the proposed capacity and the

date by which they will go into production and

(c) the total present need of fertiliser in the country and the amount of fertiliser need met from inside the country and by imports from outside country wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-49/77]

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-49/77]

(c) The estimated agronomic requirement of fertilizers for the year 1977-78 is 31.30 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen, 8.71 lakh tonnes of Phosphate and 4.10 lakh tonnes of Potash. As the indigenous production of nitrogen and phosphate is likely to fall short of the agronomic requirement, the gap would have to be met by imports from different sources. Potash is not produced in the country and is therefore entirely imported. Disclosure of import details for 1977-78 is not considered advisable in the public interest.

Provision for Electrification of Madras Tiruvellore Line

2 SHRI O V ALAGESAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the budget provision for electrification of Madras Tiruvellore line in the Southern Railway for the year 1978-77 has been increased, if so, what is the increased provision,

(b) when is the project likely to be completed and

(c) whether the extension of the project upto Arakonam has been taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) An additional amount of Rs. 42

lakhs has been allotted to this project during the year 1976-77 bringing the revised provision upto Rs. 42.18 lakhs.

(b) By 1980

(c) No

रेलवे सुरसादल के कर्मचारियों के
वर्तमान

3 श्री रामानंद तिवारी क्या रेल
मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) रेलवे सुरसादल के कास्टेबलो,
हैड कास्टेबला, प्रिंसिपल सब इन्स्पेक्टर और
सब इन्स्पेक्टरों के वे नमान क्या क्या हैं

(ख) क्या उन्हें 12 से 13 घंटे तक
'ड्यूटी' पर रोका जाता है

(ग) उन्हें आकस्मिक तथा अन्य प्रकार
की छुट्टी कितनी अवधि के लिए दी जाती है,

(घ) क्या छुट्टी की अवधि के दौरान
उन्हें तथा उनके परिवार के सदस्यों को रेलवे
'पास' दिया जाता है और

(ङ) क्या सरकार उन्हें बढ़िया देती
है और यदि हाँ, तो उन्हें प्रीमियम तथा अरद्
श्रुतियाँ म कितनी कितनी बढ़िया कितनी-
कितनी अवधि के लिए दी जाती हैं?

रेल मन्त्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते)

(क) वर्तमान नीचे बताए गये हैं —

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|----------------------|-------------|
| रक्षक | 200-240 रु० |
| प्रधान रक्षक | 225-308 रु० |
| सहायक सब इन्स्पेक्टर | 260-400 रु० |
| सब इन्स्पेक्टर | 330-560 रु० |

रक्षक, प्रधान रक्षक, सहायक सब-
इन्स्पेक्टर और सब इन्स्पेक्टर व्रत्त 10 रु०
15 रु०, 20 रु० और 25 रु० का विवेक
भत्ता पान के भी पात्र हैं।

(ख) रक्षक, वरिष्ठ रक्षक और प्रधान रक्षक की इप्पटी का समय सामान्य 8 घंटे होता है। आपवादिक परिस्थितियों में, सात्वलिक आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिये उनकी इप्पटी के घंटे कभी-कभी बढ़ा दिये जाते हैं। सहायक सब-इंस्पेक्टर और सब-इंस्पेक्टर पर्यवेक्षक कर्मचारी हैं अतः उनकी इप्पटी के घंटे निश्चित नहीं होते।

(ग) रेलवे सुरक्षा दल के कर्मचारियों को अन्य रेल कर्मचारियों की भांति ही नैमित्तिक तथा अन्य छुट्टियां दी जाती हैं। इस दल के कर्मचारियों को एक वलेंचर वर्ष में 12 दिन की नैमित्तिक छुट्टियों दी जा सकती हैं। जिन कर्मचारियों को राजपत्रित छुट्टियां मिलती नहीं मिलती अथवा पूरी नहीं मिलती उन्हें 15 दिन की विशेष नैमित्तिक छुट्टियां दी जाती हैं। पूर्वोक्त सीमा रेलवे पर काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों को 5 दिन की प्रति नैमित्तिक छुट्टियां दी जाती हैं। प्रोसत वेतन छुट्टी के संबंध में स्थिति यह है कि दल के कर्मचारी अपनी इप्पटी की अवधि के 1/11 भाग के बराबर ऐसी छुट्टी पाने के पात्र हैं।

(घ) जी हा।

(ङ) जी हा। ए३ विवरण समा पटल पर रखा गया है जिसमें अपेक्षित सूचना दी गई है। [प्रत्यास में रखा गया। देखिये सख्या एल०टी०—50'77]

Fast train from Gondia to Bombay
VT

4 SHRI GEV M AVARI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any proposals have been received to run a fast train from Gondia to Bombay VT; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the demand for running 'Vidarbha Express' on the above route in the same manner as Tamil Nadu or Andhra Pradesh Express?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) Yes

(b) Yes.

Conversion of Rupsa-Talband Line
into Broad Gauge Line

5 SHRI S. KUNDU Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state at what stage is the proposal to convert the metre gauge Railway line of Rupsa-Talband in Orissa into broad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)
Based on the recommendations of the Uneconomic Branch Lines Committee, a Traffic Survey for conversion of Rupsa-Talband Narrow Gauge section into Broad Gauge was carried out in 1971. The estimated cost of conversion of Rupsa-Bangriposi line covering a distance of 89 kms was found to be Rs 3.79 crores and the Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) rate of return 253 per cent against the requirement of 10 per cent for making a project remunerative. A fresh assessment of the traffic potential of this line is however being made, taking into account the latest developments in the area.

Drilling at Bakultala and Bodra in
West Bengal

6 SHRI SOUGATA ROY, Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) the results of exploratory drilling at Bakultala and Bodra in the South of West Bengal, and

(b) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b) In both, Bakultala and Bodra well, which were drilled to 3700 metres and 4200 metres respectively, no oil/gas bearing horizons of commercial significance were found. The wells were, therefore, abandoned.

Prices of Insecticides

7 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of insecticides are beyond the purchasing capacity of small farmers, and

(b) if so whether, Government propose to take steps, to reduce their prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b) At present Government exercises no control on the prices of pesticides. However the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has been requested to make a study on the cost structure of major items of pesticides manufactured in the country and on the possibilities of their cost reduction. Appropriate action as may be necessary will be taken on receipt of the report of the Bureau.

Electrification of Katwa-Calcutta Railway Line

8 SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether electrification of Railway from Katwa to Calcutta will be taken up during the financial year 1977-78?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE) Calcutta/Howrah to Bandel railway line has already been electrified. There is no proposal at present to electrify the remaining section between Bandel and Katwa.

रासायनिक उर्वरकों का उत्पादन

9 श्री हुसमदेव नारायण यादव : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में रासायनिक उर्वरकों का उत्पादन करने वाले कारखाना के नाम क्या हैं और विभिन्न प्रकार के रासायनिक उर्वरकों के उत्पादन की कुल लागत क्या है और देश में प्रत्येक राज्य में इसे किस मूल्य पर सप्लाई किया जाता है , और

(ख) विदेशों से जितनी मात्रा में रासायनिक उर्वरकों का आयात किया जाता है और इसका आयात किस दर पर किया जाता है और देश में किस दर पर उसकी सप्लाई की जाती है ?

पेट्रोलिएम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्रीहेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा) (क) रासायनिक उर्वरक का उत्पादन करने वाले कारखानों से संबंधित व्योरे सभा पटल पर रखे गए विवरण में दिए गए हैं। [प्रचालन में रखा गया। देखिए सद्यः एस० टी०-51/77] देश में स्ट्रेट नाइट्रोजनयुक्त उर्वरक और स्ट्रेट फास्फेटिक और कम्प्लेक्स उर्वरकों का उत्पादन बड़ी मात्रा में किया जाता है। देश में निर्मित विभिन्न प्रकार के उर्वरकों की कुल उत्पादन लागत, औद्योगिक लागत और मूल्य ब्यूरो के अध्यक्ष डा० एस० एम० मराठे की अध्यक्षता में स्थापित समिति के अन्वेषण धीन है।

| तीन मुख्य नाइट्रोजन युक्त उर्वरक अर्थात् यूरिया, अमोनियम सल्फेट और कै सीएम अमोनियम नाइट्रेट के पुटकर मूल्य सांविधिक नियंत्रण में हैं। इनके वर्तमान मूल्य निम्न प्रकार हैं :—

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| अमोनियम नाइट्रेट | 935 |
| कैलियम अमोनिया नाइट्रेट | 1015 |

ये मूल्य सारे देश में समान हैं। स्टेट और कम्पलेक्स दोनो फास्फेटिक उर्वरक के मूल्य साविधिक रूप से नियंत्रित नहीं हैं। तथापि मार्च 1976 से लागू मूल्य समर्थन योजना के अनुसार सरकार कम्पलेक्स उर्वरकों के अधिकतम विक्रय मूल्य निर्धारित कर रही है। विद्यमान अधिकतम विक्रय मूल्य बताते वाला विवरण पत्र सभा पटल पर रखा गया। [प्रश्न 45 में रखा गया। देखिये सहाय एन० टी०—51/77] विभिन्न निर्माताओं द्वारा निर्मित सिंगल सुपर-फास्फेट का अधिकतम विक्रय मूल्य फर्टिलाइजर एसोसिएशन आफ इंडिया द्वारा इस सूत्र (फार्मूला) जिसे सरकार के अनुमोदन प्राप्त था के अनुसार निर्धारित किए गए हैं।

(ख) देश के अधिकतम वाणिज्यिक हित के लिए विभिन्न स्त्रोतों से आयातित किए गये रासायनिक उर्वरकों के दर का बताना उचित नहीं समझा गया है। भाष (क) के उत्तर में बताया गए नाइट्रोजनयुक्त उर्वरक अर्थात् यूरिया अमानियम सल्फेट तथा कैल्सियम अमानियम के मूल्य साविधिक रूप से निर्धारित मूल्य हैं। अन्य आयातित स्ट्रेट और कम्पलेक्स उर्वरकों के मूल्य समय समय पर कृषि मंत्रालय द्वारा निर्धारित किए जाते हैं। प्रचलित मूल्य सभा पटल पर रखे गए विवरण में दिखाए गए हैं। [प्रश्न 45 में रखा गया। देखिये सहाय एन० टी०—51/77]

राजस्थान में नई रेल लाइनें

10. श्री भीठा लाल पटेल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि,

(क) पचवी पचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राजस्थान में कितनी नई रेल लाइनें बिछाने का विचार है,

(ख) क्या इन तथ्यों के बावजूद राज्य में नई रेल लाइनें नहीं बिछायी जा रही हैं जबकि अनेक नई रेल लाइनों के लिए सर्वेक्षण किया जा चुका है और यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और जिन जिन रेल लाइनों के लिए सर्वेक्षण किया जा चुका है और क्या उन रेल लाइनों पर आने वाली कुल लागत महित सर्वेक्षण प्रतिवेदन की सभा पटल पर रखा जाएगा और

(ग) क्या जिन लाइनों का सर्वेक्षण हो चुका है उनमें कौली होकर जान वाली धौलपुर-नगापुर सिटी लाइन शामिल नहीं है और यदि हा, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या भविष्य में इस लाइन का सर्वेक्षण किया जायेगा यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और यदि हा, तो कब तक ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते) (क)

राजस्थान में पड़ने वाली डाकला सिंधु-1 लाइन के निर्माण का काम पाचवी योजना के दौरान पहले ही पूरा हो चुका है। इस समय राजस्थान में न तो कोई दूसरी नयी लाइन निर्माणाधीन है और न निर्माण के लिए अनुमोदित की गयी है। चूंकि सम्पूर्ण 5वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान नयी रेलवे लाइनों का काम हाथ में लेने संबंधी प्रस्तावों की अभी तक अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है इसलिए यह कहना मुश्किल है कि 5वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की वक़ाया अवधि में राजस्थान में किसी नयी रेलवे के लाइन निर्माण का काम हाथ में लिया जायेगा।

(ख) राजस्थान में निम्नलिखित नयी लाइनों के संबंध में सर्वेक्षण हाल में पूरे किये

चा चुके हैं क्या वा प्रगति पर है —

| लाइन का नाम | सम्बर्द्ध
(कि० मी०
में) | अनुमानित
लागत
(करोड़ रुपया
में) | वर्तमान स्थिति |
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| 1 रतलाम-वानवा डग (I) | | | सर्वेक्षण पूरे किया जा चुका है और सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्टों |
| भाग | 1-78 76 | 24 55 | और अनुमाना का जांच |
| नयी बड़ी लाइन (II) | | | की जा रहा है। |
| भाग | 11-95 13 | 34 26 | |
| 2 नाथद्वारा—पालना | 190 | | उपलब्ध नहीं है इजीनियरी-एव यातायात |
| नयी मीटर लाइन | | | सर्वेक्षण प्रगति पर है। |

उपयुक्त लाइनों की बनाने का काम शुरू करने के बारे में अंतिम निर्णय सभी दृष्टिकोणों से सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्टों को जो ज च पूरी हो जान तथा धन की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए किया जायगा।

नयी लाइन परियोजनाओं की सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्टें तकनीकी प्रकृति की होती हैं और केवल विभागीय उपयोग के लिए ही होती हैं आमतौर पर ये रिपोर्टें समा पटल पर नहीं रखी जाती हैं।

(ग) इस लाइन के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण नहीं किया गया है। वर्तमान कठिन वित्तीय स्थिति के कारण निकट भविष्य में इस लाइन के सर्वेक्षण एवं निर्माण का काम शुरू करना रेलों के लिए कठिन होगा।

सतना से बरारता रोड बायोहारी तक रेल लाइन

11 श्री दलपत सिंह परसेते क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करें कि

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने मध्य रेलवे में सतना रेलवे स्टेशन से बरारता

रवा जोहारी तक नई रेल लाइन का निर्माण करने का प्रस्ताव 1972-1973 और उससे भी पूर्व प्रेषित किया था जिसमें कि यह नई लाइन सिंगरीली-वटनी के रास्ते बायोहारी को जोड़ सके, और

(ख) क्या रवा नगर के महत्त्व और अत्यन्त पिछड़ा क्षेत्र के विकास को देखते हुए सरकार का विचार पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना वर्ष में उक्त रेल लाइन का निर्माण करने का है?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते)
(क) जी हाँ

(ख) 1973 के दौरान सतना से ज्योहारी तक एक शाखा लाइन के लिए किया गया सर्वेक्षण से पता चला कि इस परियोजना से भव्य यातायात नहीं होगा तथा यह वित्तीय दृष्टि से सक्षम नहीं होगी और इसलिये परियोजना को छोड़ दिया गया। 1973 के दौरान किया गया सर्वेक्षण के आधार पर सतना से रोडों तक की कम सम्बर्द्ध में लाइन के लिए अनुपयुक्त माना गया है। सलाहों की उपलब्धता को दृष्टिगत रखते हुए सभी दृष्टिकोणों से रिपोर्ट की जांच कर लिये जाने

के बाद हम विषय में अन्तिम निर्णय लिया जायेगा।

Survey report for bringing Amraoti on Nagpur-Bombay Trunk Line

12 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) what is the stage of the proposal to bring Amraoti on Nagpur-Bombay Trunk line,

(b) whether the survey report on the proposal has been received and

(c) the action taken/proposed to have it expedited?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) to (c) Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for bringing Amraoti on the Nagpur-Bombay Main line has been included in the Budget for 1977-78. Further consideration to this project will be given after the survey is completed and the report thereon is received and examined from all angles.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मूल्य नीति पर पुनर्विचार

13. श्री नारायण कृष्ण शेजवतकर : क्या पेट्रोलियम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मूल्य नीति पर पुनर्विचार करने का विचार है ?

पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा) : सरकार ने 14 जुलाई 1975 में तेल मूल्य समिति की अन्तिम रिपोर्ट में की गयी सिफारिशों पर आधारित एक नयी मूल्य व्यवस्था लागू की। समिति ने अन्तिम रिपोर्टें प्रस्तुत कर दी हैं, जिसकी जांच की जा रही है।

बेरोजगार इजीनियरों के लिए सहायक उद्योगों का भारलन

14. श्री नारायण कृष्ण शेजवतकर : क्या पेट्रोलियम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

क्या केवल बेरोजगार इजीनियरों के लिये सहायक उद्योगों के भारलन का प्रस्ताव है ?

पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा) : इस प्रकार के कोई उद्योग नहीं हैं। अतः उन्हें बेरोजगार इजीनियरों के लिए भारलन करने का प्रयत्न ही नहीं उठता।

मध्य प्रदेश में तेल शोधक कारखाने की स्थापना

15. श्री नारायण कृष्ण शेजवतकर : क्या पेट्रोलियम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या मध्य प्रदेश में कोई तेल शोधक कारखाना स्थापित किया जाने की सम्भावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा) : मध्य प्रदेश में शोधनशाला स्थापित करने सम्बन्धी कोई प्रस्ताव इस समय सरकार के विचारधौन नहीं है।

Restoration of Old Rail Link between Miraj and Sangli

16. SHRI ANNASAHEB GOKHINDE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a long standing demand to restore the old rail link between Miraj and Sangli, old railway station, on South Central Railway, that was dismantled consequent upon the broad gauge conversion and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) Yes

(b) While converting the Poona Miraj Metre Gauge line into broad gauge a new alignment was adopted to bring the main Sangli town on the main line and a new broad gauge station has been built for the purpose. The new location for a broad gauge station was also inescapable due to the area in and around the existing metre gauge alignment and Sangli station being heavily built up. The decision to re-align the line between Miraj and Sangli and the new location of the Sangli station were approved by the Maharashtra State Government. It is therefore not possible to accept the demand at this stage.

Conversion of Miraj Latur Line into Broad Gauge Line

17 SHRI ANNASAHAB GOT KHINDE Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the latest position regarding the conversion of Miraj Latur narrow gauge line on South Central Railway into Broad gauge?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)
Preliminary Engineering and Traffic surveys for the conversion of Miraj Kurduvadi Latur Narrow Gauge sections to Broad Gauge and construction of a new Broad Gauge line from Latur to Latur Road have been carried out. The Survey Reports have been examined and it is found that the project is very unremunerative. The availability of resources do not permit this work to be taken up now.

Improvement of Workshop at Arakonam (Southern Railway)

18 SHRI O V ALAGESAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any proposal for improvement and streamlining of the workshop at Arakonam on Southern Railway has been taken up, and

(b) if so the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) No

(b) Does not arise

Payment of Bonus to Railway Employees

19 SHRI VASANT SATHE
SHRI K RAMAMURTHY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the question of payment of bonus to the Railway employees is under consideration of Government and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to consider it during 1977-78?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) and (b) As far as bonus issue is concerned as stated by me in this House on 29th March 1977 this issue has been complicated by the former Government. Since that has introduced a new Bonus Policy for the country we will have to re-examine the entire issue in depth, before we take any concrete steps.

Rigging in Lok Sabha Election in West Bengal

20 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it has been alleged by the CPI(M) Leftist Front Janata Party and the Congress for Democracy that the Congress Party in West Bengal restored to large-scale

rigging in certain constituencies in connection with the last Lok Sabha poll and

(b) if so the facts thereof and action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) A telegram was received by the Election Commission on 18th March 1977 from S/Shri Prasulla Chandra Sen, Jyoti Basu Bijoy Singh Nahar Mukhan Paul and Ashok Ghosh alleging massive rigging in several Parliamentary Constituencies in West Bengal in the recent general election to the Lok Sabha and demanding re-poll.

(b) The Election Commission had received reports from the Returning Officers of 8 Parliamentary Constituencies in West Bengal that the poll in 30 polling stations had been vitiated by violence and accordingly as provided in section 58(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 the Commission declared the poll at those polling stations to be void and directed a fresh poll to be taken in five polling stations on the 19th March, 1977 and in the remaining polling stations on the 20th March, 1977.

Rigging in Barrackpore Katwa Dum Dum and other Constituencies

21 **SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU** Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news published in leading newspapers in West Bengal on rigging in Barrackpore, Katwa, Dum Dum and other constituencies resorted to by the ruling party in West Bengal in the last Lok Sabha poll and

(b) if so Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The Election Commission had received reports from the Returning Officers of 8 Parliamentary Constituencies in West Bengal that the poll in 30 polling stations had been vitiated by violence and accordingly as provided in section 58(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1951 the Election Commission declared the poll at those polling stations to be void and directed a fresh poll to be taken in five polling stations on the 19th March, 1977 and in the remaining polling stations on the 20th March, 1977.

Provision of Funds for Tirunelveli-Kanyakumari Broad Gauge Line

22 **SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the broad features of proposals received from the General Manager, Construction, Bangalore for provision of funds for the construction of Tirunelveli Kanyakumari broad gauge line for the year 1976-77, and

(b) the amount sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) The Southern Railway proposed a minimum allotment of Rs 3 crores for this project for 1976-77 for meeting the commitments made in the previous years

(b) Rs. 333 crores have been finally allotted in 1976-77

Victimisation of Employees during Emergency Period

23 **SHRI SAMAR GUHA** Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the number of employees belonging to his Ministry who have been (i) dismissed (ii) pre-maturely

retired and (iii) punished by Government during the period of Internal Emergency,

(b) State-wise break-up of such figures, and

(c) whether Government propose to set up an appropriate body to re-examine the cases of such victimised Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) Nil in respect of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Employees dismissed retired and punished during Emergency

24 SHRI SAMAR GUHA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the number of employees belonging to his Ministry (i) dismissed (ii) prematurely retired and (iii) punished during the period of Internal Emergency,

(b) State wise break up of such figures and

(c) whether Government will set up an appropriate body to re-examine the cases of such victimised officials?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) (i) Nil (ii) 3

(iii) Nil

(b) This Ministry has no Branch Offices at places other than Delhi. The information is, therefore nil

(c) The officials referred to in part (a) of the question have been retired under the normal rules of review for retention in service after the age of 50/55 years. As such the question of re-examining their cases does not arise

Proposal to invite Legal Opinion on Laws adopted during Emergency

25 SHRI SAMAR GUHA Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to invite the legal opinion of Supreme Court and High Court Bar Associations on the merits of the laws adopted by the Parliament during the period of Emergency, and

(b) if so the steps likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

Fresh look on Demands of Trade Unions of Railwaymen

26 SHRI C K CHANDRAPPA
SHRI R K MHALGI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to have a fresh look on the demands made by the trade unions of the railwaymen during the all India strike in 1974 and

(b) if so the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) and (b) The policy of the Government is to consider all genuine demands that Recognized Federations put forward and examine them in depth in the context of the resources available

Oil Exploration in Kerala Coast

27 SHRI C K CHANDRAPPA Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from

the Government of Kerala for taking up oil exploration in Kerala Coast,

(b) if so the main features of the proposal, and

(c) what decision has been taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The request of the Government of Kerala is for exploration off the Kerala coast in order to determine the oil prospects there

(c) The surveys conducted so far in the Continental Shelf off the Kerala coast have not indicated good sedimentary deposits except towards the deeper portions of the Shelf. The ONGC has plans to conduct further seismic surveys in this area

सतना से रीवा होते हुए मिर्जापुर सिंगरीली तक रेलवे साइन का निर्माण

28. श्री धमना प्रसाद शास्त्री क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सतना रेलवे स्टेशन से रीवा होते हुए मिर्जापुर या सिंगरीली तक रेलवे साइन का निर्माण करने के मद्द्द में सर्वेक्षण कार्य पूरा हो चुका है, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस साइन के निर्माण का कार्य अब तक प्रारम्भ किया जाने वाला है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री० मधुसूदनबते) : (क) और (ख) रीवा के रास्ते सतना से ब्योहारी (बटनी सिंगरीली साइन पर एक स्टेशन) तक एक शाखा लाइन जिससे ब्योहारी और रीवा का सम्पर्क सिंगरीली और मिर्जापुर से हो जाय, के लिए 1973 में एक यातायात सर्वेक्षण किया गया था। उस सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट के अनुसार इस साइन से इतना यातायात

नहीं होगा जिसके आधार पर इसके निर्माण का आबिन्ध सिद्ध हो। सवे और यह लाई : बलामहारी डोंगी। इन इस परियोजना को छोड़ देने का विनिश्चय किया गया। लेकिन 1973 की रिपोर्ट में उपलब्ध आँकड़ों के आधार पर सतना से रीवा तक एक बम लम्बी लाइन के निर्माण के लिए हान में ही पुनर्निर्माण किया गया है। रिपोर्ट की स्पेकिंग आब करने के बाद और नाधना की उन्नयना को दृष्टिगत रखने हूँ। इस प्रस्ताव पर कोई निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

Drilling of Oil in Cauvery Basin

SHRI K. GOPAL Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether drilling of oil is going on in Cauvery Basin, and

(b) if so, the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b) No drilling is being conducted at present. The wells drilled earlier onshore did not indicate presence of oil or gas in commercial quantities. Drilling in the offshore areas of Cauvery Basin is expected to be taken up shortly.

मध्य प्रदेश में नई रेल लाइनें

30 श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण नायक :

श्री छवि राम धरगत :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) नई रेल लाइनें बिछाने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश से सरकार को प्राप्त हुए प्रस्तावों की क्या सूची है, और

(ख) उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री० मधु दण्डपते) • (४)

और (ख) एक विवरण सभा पत्र पर दिया जाता है। [प्रश्नोत्तर में दिया गया बखिरे सख्या एन टी 52 77]

आयातित उर्वरकों की रासायनिक जांच

31 श्री मयाव सिंह चौहान क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार आयातित उर्वरकों की रासायनिक जांच करती है और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो गत दो वर्षों में कितने मामलों में आयातित उर्वरकों को निर्धारित मानक से निम्न स्तर का पाया गया और दोषी फर्मों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

पेट्रोसियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवतीनन्दन बहुगुणा) (क) जा हाँ। आयातित उर्वरक के सभी लदे हुए जहाजों का निरीक्षण लगान बन्दरगाह पर निरन्तर किया जाता है। निरीक्षण के दौरान नमूने लिए जाते हैं और उनका विश्लेषण किया जाता है। विश्लेषण की रिपोर्ट कृषि तथा सिंचाई मन्त्रालय को भेजी जाती है।

(ख) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान लगभग 334 लदानों में से 15 जहाजों को 6 सप्ताहों के भीतर का माल ठेके की विशिष्टता के अनुरूप नहीं पाया गया था। 12 लदे हुए जहाजों के चार सप्ताहों से 3,73,750 यू० एस० डालर का जुर्माना वसूल किया गया है। शेष लदे हुए तीन जहाजों से संबंधित दो मामलों को अन्तिम रूप दिया जाना है।

Abrogation of the Constitution (42nd Amendment) Act

92 SHRI BASHIR AHMAD
SHRI HUKMDEO NARAIN
1 ADAY

Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) what steps Government propose to take to make ineffective or abrogate the Constitution (42nd Amendment) Act and restore the fundamental rights guaranteed to the citizens under the Constitution and to restore the Independence of Judiciary, and

(b) whether Government propose to appoint a Committee to review the appointment of committee Judges?

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) Government will place before Parliament a comprehensive Bill to amend appropriately the Constitution of India

(b) No Sir

नारायणपुर रेलवे स्टेशन और रेलवे लाइन को गंगा के कटाव से बचाना

33 श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या पूर्वोक्त रेलवे के नारायणपुर रेलवे स्टेशन एवं रेल लाइन को गंगा के कटाव से बचाने की कोई योजना सरकार ने मंजूर की है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो तत्सम्बन्धी मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधुबन्धन) : (क) पिछले वर्ष की बाढ़ों के दौरान, नारायणपुर रेलवे स्टेशन (पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे) के निकट गया नदी का पश्चिमी तट बुरी तरह बट गया और नदी की बोर लगभग 287 मीटर भीतर पुसपर रेलवे लाइन तक पहुंच गयी। पुनः इससे रेल-गमन व मर्यादा गम्भीर घाटा पैदा हो गया था, जो बिहार राज्य सरकार से यह अनुरोध किया गया था कि घोर धागे बटाव की रोक-थाम के लिए पर्याप्त सुरक्षा व्यवस्था करे और नदी के द्वारा घोर धागे विघ्न से रेलवे लाइन को बचावे। राज्य सरकार ने इससे लिए लगभग 365 लाख रुपये की एक योजना बनायी है और तकनीकी दृष्टि से उसकी स्वीकृति के लिए उसे गया बाढ़ नियंत्रण निगम को भेजा गया है जिसकी प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है। रेल मंत्रालय ने इस बात के लिए अपनी सहमति पहले ही दे दी है कि वह अन्य तीन प्रभावित जिलों, अर्थात् बिहार राज्य सरकार, परिवहन मंत्रालय (राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग) तथा भारतीय तेल निगम (तेल पाइप लाइन), के साथ मिलकर बराबर-बराबर खर्च वहन करने को तैयार है। इस योजना की सभी राज्य सरकार की स्वीकृति मिलना बाकी है। विपत्ति की गम्भीरता को देखते हुए राज्य सरकार से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वह इस काम की शीघ्र शुरु कराये और आगामी मानसून से पहले इसे पूरा कर दे।

(ख) राज्य सरकार द्वारा बनायी गयी प्रारम्भिक योजना में नदी के किनारे-किनारे 13,200 फुट दूरी में पल्लवर करना और ध्वतरण मच बनाना तथा 13 नव जोड़-बन्ध बनाना शामिल है। तथापि, इस योजना को गया बाढ़ नियंत्रण आयोग के परामर्श से अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है।

Transfer of High Court Judges

34 SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider the question of transfer of High Court Judges who were transferred during the period of Internal Emergency, and

(b) if so Broad features thereof

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) (a) and (b) The matter is under review and the Government will take a decision shortly

बालू उर्वरक कारखाने और उनका उत्पादन

35. श्री नारायण हूण शंकरधर : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) इस समय भारत में किनसे उर्वरक कारखाने चले रहे हैं उनके मासिकों के नाम क्या हैं, उनकी उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है तथा वत तीन वर्षों में इन प्रत्येक में कितना कितना उत्पादन हुआ है, और

(ख) क्या देश में वर्तमान मांग और आवश्यकता पूरी करने के लिए उनका उत्पादन पर्याप्त है, और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो यह कमी पूरी करने की क्या योजनाएं हैं ?

पेट्रोसियम तथा रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (श्री हेमवतीनन्दन बहुगुणा) (क) एक विवरण पत्र सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत है [प्रकाश में रखा गया]। इसलिए सकय. एस टी 53-77]

(ख) और (ग). देश में उर्वरक की मांग को पूरा करने के लिए देशीय उत्पादन पर्याप्त होने पर कमी को पूरा करने के लिए आयात की व्यवस्था की जायेगी।

Damage to Coconut cultivation due to pollution

36 DR HENRY AUSTIN Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the wide-spread damage to Coconut cultivation in Vypeen Islands in general and Kadamakudi Panchayat in particular consequent on the pollution by poisonous smoke coming of the Fertilizer and Chemicals Ltd in Udyog Mandal Ernakulam Dist Kerala and the destruction to the marine and back water wealth arising from uncontrolled letting out of poisonous waste materials into the Periyar river, and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to deal with these serious ecological problems?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b) According to available information no complaints have been received from Vypeen Islands in general and Kadamakudi Panchayat in particular about damage to coconut plantation as a result of any fumes from the Udyogamandal unit of FACT. No representations have been received from any of the local bodies or institutions regarding damage to marine or backwater wealth due to letting out of the effluents into the Periyar river. In the past there were some individual representations regarding decay in marine life due to effluents. There were also some oral representations by the local Panchayat before the Estimate Committee of the Kerala legislature in general about the atmospheric and water pollution from the chemical factories in the Udyogamandal area.

The company is presently discharging effluents into the river, with the approval of the Kerala State Board for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, after neutralising the pollutants. The company has also

prepared a long-term scheme for the prevention of water pollution on a permanent basis. The scheme which is estimated to cost about Rs. 125 lakhs is under the consideration of the Kerala State Board for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution.

पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे पर कटुनिया में नया स्टेशन बनाने का प्रस्ताव

37. श्री मुबराज : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या पूर्वोत्तर सीमान्त रेलवे पर कटिहार मालदह सेक्शन पर कटुनिया मानक स्थान पर एक नया स्टेशन बनाने का विचार है, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो यह नया स्टेशन कब तक बन जायेगा ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दण्डवते) : (क) जी हा ।

(ख) आशा है कि यह स्टेशन इस वर्ष की समाप्ति तक खुल जायेगा ।

बरीनी से कटिहार तक बड़ी रेल लाइन

38. श्री मुबराज : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ,

(क) क्या बरीनी से कटिहार तक बड़ी रेल लाइन न होने से दिल्ली का गौहाटी आसाम नागालैंड आदि से सीधा सम्पर्क नहीं है ,

(ख) क्या दिल्ली-आसाम मेल के यात्रियों का अपनी यात्रा के दौरान बरीनी में बड़ी रेल लाइन की गाड़ियों से थोड़ा गैज की गाड़िया से घाना जाना पड़ता है ; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो कटिहार के रास्ते से सम्पूर्ण पूर्वोत्तर भारत से सीधा सम्पर्क

जोन्ने के लिए बरौनी से कटिहार के बीच तब वही लाइन बिछायी जायेगी ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु दान्दवते) : (क) दिल्ली और पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में न्यू बोगार्डगांव के बीच कम्पन के रास्ते बनी लाइन मधुन पड़ने से ही मौजूद है। यदि बरौनी-कटिहार लाइन का बड़े धामान में बदल दिया जाये, तो दूरी कम हो जायेगी।

(घ) जा हाँ।

(ग) बरौनी-कटिहार एग्ड को मीटर धामान में बड़े धामान में बदलने के लिए प्रारम्भिक इंजीनियरी-एव यातायात सर्वेक्षण कर लिये गये हैं। धामान परिवर्तन को इस योजना का काम शुरू करने के प्रश्न पर विचार तभी किया जायेगा जब वाराणसी-समस्तीपुर और बागार्डगांव कुवाहाटी एग्ड का धामान परिवर्तन का काम, जो स्वीकृति प्राप्त योजनाएँ हैं, काफी आगे बढ़ जायेगा।

Rail connection between Salem and Trichy

39 SHRI P KANNAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect Salem with Trichy by rail, and

(b) if so when will it start working?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE)

(a) and (b) These places are already connected by rail via Erode and Karur. There is, however, no proposal to provide a new direct link.

Conversion of metre gauge lines into broad gauge in Vidarbha Region

40 SHRI GEV M AVARI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the programme of conversion of metre gauge railway line into broad gauge railway line in the Vidarbha

area of the Maharashtra State during the current Five Year Plan or in the next Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE) It is presumed that the reference is to Khandwa Barmet metre gauge railway line. Construction of a portion of this line from Khandwa to Hingoli passing through Vidarbha region was completed in 1961. There is no programme for gauge conversion of this line at present.

proposal to run fast trains on metre gauge lines in Vidharbha Region

41 SHRI GEV M AVARI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government are considering any proposal to run fast trains on metre-gauge line in Vidharbha area of Maharashtra State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE) Yes.

Proposals for double lines and halt stations in West Bengal

42 SHRI SOUGATA ROY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of proposals for (i) double lines (ii) halt stations under consideration by Government in West Bengal for the last one year; and

(b) which ones have been sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE) (a) (i) 2

(ii) 16.

(b) Of the above the following five halt stations on the Eastern Railway have been sanctioned —

1 Harish Nagar—between Banpur and Gede

2 Satberia—between Bongaon and Gopal Nagar

3 Madartalla—between Sonarpur Junction and Kalikapur

4 Bhapla—between Champapukur and Bashirhat.

5 Lake Garden—between Ballygunj and Kalighat.

Production of molasses

43 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether rates of molasses produced by the sugar factories are controlled and

(b) if so price of molasses fixed in different States?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) Yes Sir The Central Government exercises control on the prices of molasses under the Central Molasses Control Order 1961 as amended from time to time This Order is applicable to all the States other than U.P. Punjab Haryana Bihar Maharashtra and West Bengal which have fixed the prices of molasses under their own Molasses Control Acts.

(b) The current price of Grade I sugar factory molasses in all the States except Punjab Haryana and West Bengal is fixed at Rs 6 per 100 kilograms

The prices in the States of Punjab Haryana and West Bengal are as follows —

| Punjab | (Price Rs per 100 kilograms) | |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | Haryana | West Bengal |
| | For | For |
| | D milleries | Industries |
| 1.00 | 3.00 | 6.00 2.68 |

Double railway line between Bongaon and Calcutta

44 SHRI DHIRENDRANATH BASU Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the work on double line between Bongaon and Calcutta will be taken up during the financial year 1977-78?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE) The resources position does not allow this work to be taken up in 1977-78

New railway lines sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh

45 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the new railway lines recommended by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to be taken up by the Central Government

(b) the lines sanctioned out of them this year and

(c) when the sanctioned lines will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE) (a) The following Railway lines have been proposed by the Andhra Pradesh State Government —

(i) Nadikude B b nagar Broad Gauge line—150 kms

(ii) Ramagundam — Nizamabad Broad Gauge line—160 kms

(b) Construction of Nadikude-B b nagar new line is an approved work Survey for the line from Ramagundam to Nizamabad has also been approved

(c) Construction of the B b nagar Nalgonda section (74 kms) of Nadikude-B b nagar line has been taken up in the first phase Survey for Ramagundam Nizamabad line is in hand and its construction will be considered after completion of the survey

Exploration for petroleum and gas resources in Godavari Basin

46 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether exploration for petroleum resources and natural gas is being done in Godavari basin or on the East Coast in Andhra Pradesh, and

(b) if so the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) and (b) As a result of seismic surveys conducted during the previous two field seasons a location near Narsapur has been released for drilling. Preparatory work has been taken in hand to start drilling at this site.

Production of Synthetic Rubber

47 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state

(a) whether synthetic rubber is produced in our country and

(b) if so the quantity produced during 1976-77?

THE MINISTER FOR PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The production of Synthetic Rubber (SBR) during the year 1976-77 was 22 934 tons

विद्युत परिकार द्वारा नियंत्रित कम्पनियाँ

48. श्री हुसमदेव नारायण यादव . क्या विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बिड़ला परिवार द्वारा नियंत्रित कम्पनियों में 1947-48 और 1975-76 के वित्तीय वर्षों में कितनी पूँजी लगी हुई थी ?

विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मन्त्री (श्री शांति भूषण) : सरकार के पास उन कम्पनियों के नामों व विषय में जो वर्ष 1947-48 की अवधि में बिड़ला परिवार के नियंत्रणाधीन रही, कहा जा सकता है कि कोई सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है। बिड़लाओं के बड़े औद्योगिक घराने से संबंधित कम्पनियों की नवीनतम प्रमाणिक सूची वर्ष 1969 में औद्योगिक लाइसेंसिंग नीति जांच समिति के रिपोर्ट में प्रकाशित की गई थी। पूर्वोक्त सूची में बाद में बहुत से परिवर्तन हुए हैं और हाल ही के वर्षों के कुछ और अधिक कम्पनियाँ आ गई हैं जिनको प्रत्यक्ष या अप्रत्यक्ष रूप में बिड़ला परिवार की समझा जाता है। इन कम्पनियों की मूर्त परिसम्पतियों का मूल्य के संबंध में वर्ष 1974 की सूचना तुरन्त उपलब्ध है जो लगाई गई पूँजी को प्रतिबिंबित करती कही जा सकती है। इन आंकड़ों को प्रदर्शित करता हुआ विवरण पत्र सभा पटल पर रखा है।

[प्रश्नालय में रखा गया देखिए सद्यः एल टी 54 / 77]

पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राजस्थान में बनाए जाने वाले ऊपरी-पुल

49 श्री मोठा लाल पटेल क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताएँ की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) पाचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राजस्थान में कितने रेल सड़क ऊपरी पुल बनाने का विचार है और कहा कहा पर

(ख) क्या पश्चिम रेलवे के कोटा डिवीजन में हिंदीन और ग्वापुर सिटी के रेलवे फाटका पर एक रेल ऊपरी-पुल बनाने की आवश्यकता है; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो यह ऊपरी-पुल कब तक बन आएगा।

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बण्डवते) ।

(क) चार थे हैं -

(i) पश्चिम रेलवे पर सवाई माधोपुर में, समपार संख्या 151 के बदले में,

(ii) पश्चिम रेलवे पर जयपुर व समीप समपार संख्या 217 के बदले में,

(उपरोक्त इन दो का निर्माण कार्य हाल ही में पूरा हुआ है।

(iii) पश्चिम रेलवे पर भोलवाड़ा में, समपार संख्या 67 के बदले में, और

(iv) उत्तर रेलवे पर राय का बाग (जोधपुर) में।

(घ) रेल और सड़क यातायात व वर्तमान घनत्व का विचार करते हुए पश्चिम रेलवे के कोटा मंडल में हिंडोन और गंगापुर सिटी में वर्तमान समपारों के बदले ऊपरी/निचले सड़क पुलों की व्यवस्था करना आवश्यक नहीं समझा गया है और न ही राज्य सरकार भ्रष्टाचारी प्राधिकरण द्वारा इन्हें प्रयोजित किया गया है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

दिल्ली और जबलपुर के बीच सीधी रेलगाड़ी चलाने का प्रस्ताव

50 श्री निमल चंद्र जैन क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या दिल्ली और जबलपुर के बीच एक सीधी रेलगाड़ी चलाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचारधीन है और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस प्रस्ताव को कब तक कार्य रूप दे दिया जाएगा ?

रेल मंत्री (प्रो० मधु बण्डवते) :
(क) जी नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

203 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

श्री उपसेन (देवरिया) : उपध्यक्ष महोदय मेरा व्यवस्था का प्रश्न है। मंत्री लोग जो पैसे और विधायक यहां रखते हैं वह हमें नहीं मिल पाते। जो पैकेट आप के सचिवालय से भेज जाते हैं वे भी हमें नहीं मिल पाते जिससे हम लोग उन 96 नहीं पाते तो क्या आप एसी व्यवस्था करेंगे जिससे वे हम का मिल सकें ?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER The papers that are being laid on the Table cannot be given in advance. Most of them are Notifications and these Notifications are placed in the Library. They are not sent to all the Members. If you want you can refer to them in the Library.

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER BURMAH SHELL (ACQUISITION OF UNDERTAKINGS IN INDIA) ACT ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMERCE ACT ETC.

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H N BAHUGUNA) I beg to lay on the Table—

(1) A copy of the Burma Shell (Acquisition of Undertakings in India) (Administration of Fund) Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 945 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 24th December 1976 under sub-section (2) of section 20 of the Burma Shell (Acquisition of Under

takings in India) Act, 1976 [Placed in Library See No LT-55/77]

(2) A copy of Notification No GSR 94 (E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 28th February, 1977 under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 [Placed in Library See No LT 58/77]

(3) A copy of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (Amendment) Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 46 in Gazette of India dated the 8th January, 1977—under sub-section (3) of section 31 of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission Act 1959 [Placed in Library See No LT-57/77]

(4) A copy each of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 —

(i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited Bombay, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bombay, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

[Placed in Library See No LT-58/77]

(5) (i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Madras Refineries Limited, Manali, Madras, for the year ending 30th June, 1976

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Madras Refineries Limited, Manali Madras, for the year ending the 30th June 1976 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-59/77]

(6) (i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Engineers India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Engineers India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. [Placed in Library See No LT-60/77]

(7) (i) Review (Hindi version) by the Government on the working of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Bombay, for the year 1975.

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi version) of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited Bombay, for the year 1975 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(8) A statement showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at Item No (7) above [Placed in Library See No LT 61/77]

(9) (i) A copy of the Annual Report together with the Audited Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Oil Industry Development Board, New Delhi, for the year 1975-76, under sub-section (4) of section 20 of the Oil Industry Development Act, 1974 read with rule 29(2) (e) of the Oil Industry Development Rules, 1975 ;

(ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the above Report

[Placed in Library See No LT-63/77].

MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(SECOND AMENDMENT) ACT, NOTIFICATION
UNDER TAMIL NADU DISTRICT
MUNICIPALITIES ACT, ETC.

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND
HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND RE-
HABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDER
BAKHT) I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy of the Madras City
Municipal Corporation (Second
Amendment) Act, 1976 (President's
Act No. 42 of 1976) (Hindi and
English versions) published in
Gazette of India dated the 29th
November, 1976 under sub section
(3) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu
State Legislature (Delegation of
Powers) Act, 1976 [Placed in
Library See No. LT-64/77]

(2) A copy each of the following
Notifications under section 304 of the
Tamil Nadu District Municipalities
Act, 1920 read with clause (c) (iv)
of the Proclamation dated the 31st
January, 1976 issued by the Presi-
dent in relation to the State of Tamil
Nadu —

(i) GO Ms. No 1117 published in
Tamil Nadu Government Gazette
dated the 30th June, 1976

(ii) GO Ms. No 1731 published
in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette
dated the 15th September 1976

(iii) GO Ms. No 2194 published
in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette
dated the 17th November, 1976

(3) Three statements (Hindi and
English versions) explaining reasons
for not laying the Hindi versions of
the notifications mentioned at (2)
above

(4) A copy each of the following
Notifications under section 432 of the
Madurai City Municipal Corporation
Act, 1971 read with clause (c) (iv)
of the Proclamation dated the 31st
January, 1976 issued by the President
in relation to the State of Tamil
Nadu —

(i) The Rules for Election of
Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the
Corporation of Madurai, published in

Notification No GO Ms 379 in
Tamil Nadu Government Gazette
dated the 24th March, 1976

(ii) The Rules relating to the ad-
judication of disputes on elections of
Councillors Mayor or Deputy Mayor
of Madurai City Municipal Corpora-
tion published in Notification No
GO Ms 1730 in Tamil Nadu Gov-
ernment Gazette dated the 15th Sep-
tember, 1976

(5) Two statements (Hindi and
English versions) explaining reasons
for not laying the Hindi version of
notifications mentioned at (4) above

[Placed in Library See No LT
65/77]

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER COMPANIES ACT,
MONOPOLIES AND RESTRICTIVE TRADE
PRACTICES ACT, DISPUTED ELECTIONS
(PRIME MINISTER AND SPEAKER)
ORDINANCE, ETC.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI
SHANTI BHUSHAN) I beg to lay
on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following
Notifications (Hindi and English ver-
sions) under sub-section (3) of sec-
tion 642 of the Companies Act,
1956 —

(i) The Trustees (Declaration
of Holdings of Shares and
Debentures) (Amendment)
Rules 1976 published in
Notification No G.S.R 37
Gazette of India dated the
1st January, 1977

(ii) The Companies (Secretaries
Qualifications) Amendment
Rules, 1977 published in
Notification No G.S.R 185
in Gazette of India dated
the 5th February, 1977

[Placed in Library See No LT-
66/77]

(2) A copy each of the following
Notifications (Hindi and Eng-
lish versions) under sub-sec-

tion 3 of section 67 of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 —

- (1) The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Registrar, Joint Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrar of Restrictive Trade Agreements) Rules 1976, published in Notification No G.S.R. 1615 in Gazette of India dated the 20th November, 1976
- (ii) The Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (Recruitment of Members of Staff) Amendment Rules, 1977 published in Notification No. G.S.R. 95(E) in Gazette of India dated the 28th February, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-67/77] LT-68/77]
- (3) A copy of the Disputed Elections (Prime Minister and Speaker) Rules, 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No SO 246(E) in Gazette of India dated the 9th March, 1977 under sub-section (3) of section 33 of the Disputed Elections (Prime Minister and Speaker) Ordinance, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-68/77]
- (4) A copy of Notification No GO Ms 2225 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 8th December, 1976 under sub-section (3) of section 8 of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu

- (5) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi versions of the above Notification [Placed in Library See No. LT-69/77].
- (6) A copy of the Delimitation of Council Constituencies (Uttar Pradesh) Amendment Order, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G.S.R. 875(E) in Gazette of India dated the 11th November, 1976, under sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Representation of People Act, 1950 [Placed in Library See No LT-70/77]
- (7) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 169 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 —
 - (i) The Conduct of Elections (Second Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No SO 795(E) in Gazette of India dated the 14th December, 1976
 - (ii) The Conduct of Parliamentary Elections (Sikkim) Rules, 1977 published in Notification No SO 45(E) in Gazette of India dated the 25th January, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-71/77]
- (8) A copy of the Registration of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 1977 published in Notification No SO 35(E) in Gazette of India dated the 21st January, 1977, under sub-section (3) of section 23 of the Representation of the People Act 1950 [Placed in Library See No LT-72/77]

(9) A copy of the Kerala Small Industries and Development Promotion Corporation Amalgamation Order, 1977, published in Notification No SO 241(E) in Gazette of India dated the 18th March 1977, under sub-section (5) of section 396 of the Companies Act, 1956

(10) A statement explaining reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the above Notification [Placed in Library See No L1-73/77]

(11) A copy each of the following papers under section 62 of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 —

(i) Report (Hindi version) pertaining to the execution of the provisions of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 for the period from 1st January to 31st December, 1974

(ii) Report pertaining to the execution of the provisions of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1969, for the period from 1st January to 31st December, 1975

(12) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining the reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the Report mentioned at item No 11 (ii) above [Placed in Library See No LT 74/77]

(13) A copy of the Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 1976 and (English versions) under sub-section (2) of section 8

of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 [Placed in Library See No LT-75/77]

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER INDIAN RAILWAYS ACT, ETC

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(PROF MADHU DANDAVATE). I
beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) issued under section 47 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890 —

(i) The Railways Red Tariff (Ninth Amendment) Rules 1976 published in Notification No GSR 1640 in Gazette of India dated the 20th November 1976

(ii) The Railways Red Tariff (Tenth Amendment) Rules 1976, published in Notification No GSR 1641 in Gazette of India dated the 20th November, 1976

(iii) The Railways Red Tariff (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No 3735 in Gazette of India dated the 11th December, 1976

(iv) The Open Lines (Railways in India) General (Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No GSR No 112 in Gazette of India dated the 22nd January, 1977

(v) The Railway Passengers (Cancellation of Tickets and Refund of Fares) Rules 1976 published in Notification No SO 346 in Gazette of India dated the 22nd January 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT 76/77]

(2) A copy of Notification No SO 264 (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 21st January, 1977, issued under sub-section (2) of section 568 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890 [Placed in Library See No LT-77/77]

(3) A copy of the Railway Rates Tribunal (Amendment) Rules, 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G.S.R. 272 in Gazette of India dated the 26th February, 1977 issued under sub-section (1) of section 44 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890 [Placed in Library See No LT 78/77]

(4) A copy of the Report (Hindi and English versions) on the progress made in the intake of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes against vacancies reserved for them in recruitment and promotion categories on the Railways for the half-year ending the 31st March 1976 [Placed in Library See No LT-79/77]

PAPERS UNDER COMPANIES ACT ETC.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI Biju Patnaik) I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956

(1) (i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited, New Delhi for the year 1975-76.

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited New Delhi, for the

year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. [Placed in Library See No LT-80/77]

(2) (i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Bharat Gold Mines Limited, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Bharat Gold Mines Limited for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-81/77] 81/77 }

(3) (i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Hindustan Zinc Limited, Udaipur (Rajasthan) for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Hindustan Zinc Limited, Udaipur (Rajasthan) for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Account and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT 82/77]

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- (8) (i) Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government on the working of the Steel Authority of India Limited New Delhi for the year 1975-76

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- (9) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at item Nos (5) and (6) above

- (10) Two statements (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi versions of papers mentioned at item Nos (7) and (8)(ii) above [Placed in Library See No LT-86/77]

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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COAL MINES
LABOUR WELFARE ORGANISATION, NOTI-
FICATION UNDER DELHI SHOPS AND
ESTABLISHMENTS ACT ETC

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-
MENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) I beg
to lay on the Table

- (1) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) on the activities of the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Organisation for the year 1975-76 [Placed in Library See No LT-LT-86/]

- (2) A copy of the Delhi Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No F 4(26)/76/CIS/Lab/21094 98 in Delhi Gazette dated the 2nd Decem.

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- (iii) The Employees Deposit-linked Insurance (Amendment) Scheme 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. GSR 1788 in Gazette of

India dated the 25th December, 1976

- (iv) GSR 239 published in Gazette of India dated the 19th February, 1977 containing Corrigendum to Notification No GSR. 1355 dated the 18th September, 1976
- (v) The Employees' Provident Funds (Amendment) Scheme, 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. GSR 305 in Gazette of India dated the 5th March, 1977
- (vi) GSR. 406 published in Gazette of India dated the 19th March, 1977 containing Corrigendum to Notification No GSR 1717 dated the 4th December, 1976
- (vii) The Employees' Family Pension (Third Amendment) Scheme, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR. 174 in Gazette of India dated the 5th February, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-93/77]
- (9) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) for the year 1975-76 on the working of the Employees' Provident Funds and the Employees' Family Pension Scheme [Placed in Library See No LT-94/77]
- (10) A copy of the Limestone and Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund (Group C and Group D posts) Conditions of Service and Recruitment Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 274 in Gazette of India dated the 26th February 1977, under sub-section (4) of section 16

of the Limestone and Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1972 [Placed in Library See No LT-95/77]

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- (12) A copy of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Central (Amendment) Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 199 in Gazette of India dated the 12th February, 1977 under sub-section (3) of section 35 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 [Placed in Library See No LT-97/77]
- (13) A copy of the Metalliferrous Mines (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 308 in Gazette of India dated the 5th March, 1977, under sub-section (7) of section 59 of the Mines Act, 1952 [Placed in Library See No LT-98/77]
- (14) A copy of the Employees' State Insurance (Central) Amendment Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 36 in Gazette of India dated the 8th January, 1977, under sub-section (4) of section 95 of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 [Placed in Library See No LT-99/77]

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PROF DILIP CHAKRAVARTY (Calcutta South) On a point of order In Hazaribagh jail the prisoners

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER No The hon Member cannot take the opportunity of rising on a point of order and giving some information like this The Minister will make the statement

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Sir Consequent on the revocation on the 21st March 1977 of the proclamation of the Emergency made on 25th June 1975 all persons detained in pursuance of the provisions of Section 16A of the Maintenance of Internal Security Act have been released There were however about 6851 persons still in detention on 25th March 1977 They had been detained under Section 3 of the Maintenance of Internal Security Act, grounds of the detention had been furnished to them and their continuance in detention had been approved by the Advisory Boards.

We have already announced our policy in regard to the Maintenance of Internal Security Act Further specific proposals will come before the House in due course in the light of our earlier announcement Consistent with our policy we are clearly of the view that no one should be kept under detention for an indefinite period We are accordingly advising the State Governments to release all those still under detention except where interests of security of the country are clearly involved or where persons have been detained on account of their recent indulgence in violent activities

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MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Yes. Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Mr Deputy Speaker Sir we joined hands with other Congress opposed forces to defeat Congress and to restore civil liberties and human rights and as the election results have shown the Indian people are with us wholly and that is precisely the reason we are here today

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CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER
OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

MESSAGES FROM RAJYA SABHA

SECRETARY GENERAL Sir I have to report the following messages received from the Secretary General of Rajya Sabha

(i) In accordance with the provisions of sub rule (8) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha I am directed to return herewith the Finance Bill 97 which was passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 31st March, 1977 and transmitted to the Rajya Sabha for its recommendation and to state that this House has no recommendations to make to the Lok Sabha in regard to the said Bill.

(ii) In accordance with the provisions of rule 111 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to enclose a copy of the Food Corporations (Amendment) Bill 1977 which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 4th April, 1977

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FOOD CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL

AS PASSED BY RAJYA SABHA

SECRETARY GENERAL Sir I lay on the Table of the House the Food Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 1977 as passed by Rajya Sabha

IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS

SHRI MOTILAL BOSE (Diamond Harbour) Sir I call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon—

The political prisoners still behind the bars and their immediate release"

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contd) Sir I want to make a submission

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Is it on this call attention?

SHRI SAMAR GUHA Yes Sir Yesterday I met the hon Speaker This matter involves the fate of political prisoners who are still in a very miserable condition in jails in West Bengal and other places. Therefore I requested him to allow the other Members also to participate in this. As the rule does not permit it, he himself suggested that it could be converted into half an hour discussion. I have given notice of that.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER I have seen that. But a call attention cannot be *ipso facto* converted into a discussion. Therefore the hon Minister will make the statement now. The hon Member can give notice of half an hour discussion separately which will be considered.

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(Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu)

the last two years, a thorough review of the Act will be undertaken with a view to repealing it and examining whether the existing laws need further strengthening to deal with economic offences and security of the country "

Sir I do not wish to carry coal to Newcastle but I wish to mention here as a person who has shared the platform with the ruling party every where in the country that a target date should be announced. This is because you have mentioned in the last sentence of para 2 of your statement

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Shri Shanti Bhushan is sitting so close to the Home Minister and he knows full well that there is ample provision in the Criminal Procedure Code to prosecute anybody who acts as a criminal. Therefore people with a political background should not be brought within the ambit of this.

I would also like to refer to para 3 of the statement made by the hon Home Minister. In the last sentence it is stated

"We are therefore advising the State Governments specifically to release all such Naxalites in detention except in cases where such detentions had been made on account of their recent indulgence in violent activities

I again repeat that there is ample provision in the Criminal Procedure Code and the persons with a political background should be released at once and you can proceed against those who have done any acts of crime under the normal laws and prosecute them

It was stated that political prisoners, even if they were misguided should be

released to allow them to think and mend themselves. I would give an example Shri K C Pant erstwhile Minister and conscience keeper of Shri mati Indira Gandhi in matters of preservation of democracy admitted on the floor of this House that secretly he had met a number of Naxalites and his plea and pretext to us was that they wanted to give them a chance to mend themselves and released those Naxalites who agreed under pressure to join the Congress. In West Bengal we call them Congress-shells

Another erstwhile Minister, Shri Kedar Singh, a messenger boy, of erstwhile Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi met secretly so-called Naxalites in Meerut Jail. He refused to sign the visitors register. When I asked him why he refused to sign the register having went inside the jail and met the inmates his reply was how I came to know of it. I said I have got a white crow, which comes and gives me all the news in the morning

I understand that this Government in principle have decided to act in this matter favourably to preserve human rights and civil liberties. I would like to have a confirmation that no political person would be kept under detention without a trial. And also people with a political background if prosecuted on false charges such as the case of Mr George Fernandes which is a glaring example of how politics worked in the case of Mr George Fernandes and false cases were fabricated and the CBI fully cooperated. Therefore you know what the Police in this country is. They fabricate cases and involve political leaders according to the wishes of their masters. So we do not wish to be tools in the hands of such people. I would request the hon Minister kindly release all political prisoners. Kindly withdraw all cases against political prisoners.

AN HON MEMBER There should be a general amnesty for all political prisoners.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I will come to that

Shr.mati Indira Gandhi and her stooge Ministers like the Minister of State, Shri Om Mehta never revealed the figures because it was so enormous. Even a leading Youth Congress leader said recently

'In West Bengal we are having emergency since 1971'

1930-1932—Chaudhari Saheb will remember because he is an old freedom fighter and a Congress man. The Congress Party was declared illegal because of the civil disobedience movement but the Britishers did not do any blanket arrest for detention etc. Only those who continued with their activities were prosecuted but never detained. Therefore, in a free country what we get to-day cannot even be equated with that we got when we were a subjugated race. But in the Indira Raj because somebody was a member of a particular party he was detained. The whole country became a vast prison. If you read the documents of Amnesty International and if you read foreign newspapers like the New York Times and the Washington Post your head will hang in shame. I tell you that this country's image has been tarnished beyond recovery and I do not know how long and how many decades it will take to brighten up our face.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER You please ask your clarification.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Then Sir about the unheard of atrocities and tortures perpetrated by the erstwhile Indira regime even relations were not spared.

You know how the brother of Mr George Fernandes was beaten up.

Here is a news item in the Indian Express

'Relatives of political prisoners found themselves socially ostracised by family friends and even relatives who seemed to fear that the authorities would give them black if they were caught talking to such people. Middle aged women who had lived a sheltered existence inside the four walls of their household had to make weekly rounds to the sordid premises of the jail and criminal courts. Businesses were ruined with no male members to look after the shops.'

This is how you made people's life awfully miserable. At least for 10 lakhs of people their life was made miserable because if 2 lakhs were detained for each person we can take that there are five dependants. For preserving one person in power all these sordid acts were committed. Just like Mr George Fernandes case there are thousands of fabricated cases.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Please conclude.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I tell you one thing. I am afraid you are new to this House. In the Business Advisory Committee it was decided that 45 minutes would be set aside for a call attention motion.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The hon. Member should know that 45 minutes is for the entire call attention motion and not for a single Member. You cannot take all the 45 minutes.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU That provision is not there.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER Besides, the BAC of the new House will have yet to decide on it.

I am now asking you to seek your clarification.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU I am glad the hon. Home Minister Choudhary Sahab has said that he is going to publish and give to the house the figures of detenus. Our figures are incomplete in West Bengal—in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works 14 railway workers who are trade unionists are still behind the bars. You should know what the MISA says—Section 3 (1) (A) (i) and (ii). What are the figures? Let me quote. In Andhra Shri G. G. Rao a trade union leader is behind the bar. In West Bengal, CPI(M) workers—125 are detained under MISA and 137 are languishing without trial. About the so-called Naxalites 500 are behind the bars under MISA and 1600 are in prison without trial. Forward Bloc RSP and a section of the Congress—200 have been detained under MISA. Approximately 5000 political prisoners are rotting in jails in West Bengal under our great democratic leader Mr. Sardar Jyoti Shankar Patil. In the last two years, 25 political prisoners have died in the jails. You can imagine what it is. Mr. Bharati a CPI worker was beaten to death in the Ujjain jail. There are figures about Jamaat-e-Islam also. So all these details we will get. A DMK Member Mr. Chitti Babu was beaten to death in the jail and when the post mortem was held it was found that his intestines were badly damaged.

They had not even spared intellectuals, poets and literary giants. I want figures of MISA cases State-wise. DIR cases State-wise. Section 107 CrPC cases State-wise and Section 109 CrPC cases State-wise. I want to know the specific charges against them. There have been a number of journalists there. There are other intellectuals also. I want to suggest that there should be a general amnesty for them. I want to know whether you will appoint an enquiry commission in this regard and fix responsibility for penal action and nothing short of it.

speech it is not just a few points which he referred to. He made a long speech. I would like to refer to two specific points raised by him. He has referred to a sentence in my statement in which I said

'We are advising the State Governments to release all those still under detention except where interests of security of the country are clearly involved or where persons have been detained on account of their recent indulgence in violent activities.'

As regards the first category, this category includes the spies, those who have been working for foreign countries, some of them who have gone underground etc. Such of them as were arrested have been put under this category. The break up of these prisoners is not available to me. I will get these cases examined and in regard to cases where I consider that detention is no longer justified, I will see that such persons are released.

As regards those who were indulging in recent activities, this is a statement which is confined to those persons who have been arrested upto 25th March. There are certain cases of persons who committed violence after lifting of emergency. Those cases will also be examined and these cases will be proceeded with under regular law and necessary proceedings will be started in law courts.

Regarding fixing target, I cannot give any assurance because we can only advise the State Governments. Final action lies in their hands. We will do our best in seeing that action is taken as early as possible.

He said about excesses committed by the police during the emergency or even before the emergency. I may assure the House that whether it be the police or the Government officials etc. if it is not they so much who are to be blamed as the political leadership that was there. So I would

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH
The hon. Member has delivered a

request the hon Member not to be very unkind to the police in future

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU You have not said anything about general amnesty. You have not said anything about the specific point I raised about under trials

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr Bosu, you have had enough of your say. And the Home Minister has answered most of your points

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I am only on a point of clarification. The hon Home Minister was not pleased to refer to the number of Naxalites in Bihar

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER I think the statement is here

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA Would he be pleased to give us the figures of Naxalites? (Interruptions)

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Now no more questions please. I have already called the hon Minister Dr Chunder

SHRI M KALIANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) Sir, I have given notice to raise an important matter under Rule 377

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER You have given the notice which is being looked into. You cannot raise it on the floor of the House. Nobody else will take the floor excepting Dr Chunder whom I have already called.

12.26 hrs

STATEMENT RE GOVERNMENTS POLICY ON UNIVERSALISATION OF LITERACY IMPROVEMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION RESEARCH POLITICAL VICTIMISATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON ELECTIONS TO STUDENTS' UNIONS

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE

(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA CHANDER) I am grateful to the Speaker for having given me this opportunity to make a statement in this august House

The Government would like to give the highest priority to the universalisation of literacy in the country. I am informed that 87 per cent of the children in the age group 6—11 and 39 per cent of the children in the age group 11—14 have facilities for primary and middle school education in our country as at present. The present Fifth Plan envisages enrolment of 96 per cent of the age group 6—11 and 46 per cent of the age group 11—14. In regard to adult literacy according to the 1971 census 34 per cent of the population above the age of four are literate. In terms of numbers, I understand, more than 200 million adults above the age of 15 are still illiterate. The dimensions of this problem are truly gigantic. However the present Government are extremely anxious that urgent steps should be taken to achieve substantial progress in the matter of universalisation of elementary education and promotion of adult literacy. We have not yet had time to study in detail the various aspects of the problem and also consult the States who are primarily concerned with this. However we would take the earliest opportunity to study this question in detail and prepare a time-bound plan of action for universalisation of elementary education and promotion of adult literacy. We shall also make earnest efforts to reduce the existing gap between the world of work and world of education keeping in view the principles of basic education as enunciated by our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

The secondary education sector especially the curriculum syllabus and text books may all require to be looked into to lighten the academic burden on the students to enable them to turn their attention to sports

[Shri Pratap Chandra Chander]

recreation cultural aesthetic pursuits and social work. At the level of higher education fundamental and applied research deserve greater emphasis. I should also like to state here that we are not in favour of undue interference in the field of education.

Many Honble Members of this House and other friends are approaching me and also writing to me about complaints of political victimisation in the Departments of Education and Culture. I asked for details of premature retirement and reversions in the Departments of Education and Culture. I find that as far as the Department of Education and its attached and subordinate offices are concerned there has been no case of premature retirement during the last 2 years. There has been one case of reversion, but it would appear that this reversion was based on entries in the confidential records. However this case is also under review.

In the case of Department of Culture, while there was no premature retirement or reversion in the Department at the Secretariat level, three cases of premature retirement in the attached offices have been reported. I have directed that these cases may be reviewed and submitted to me. I have also issued directions that a thorough check should be made in the attached and subordinate offices, under the Departments of Education and Culture to verify whether there has been any case of victimisation on political grounds. I have also issued similar instructions to obtain the same information in regard to the autonomous organisations attached to the Departments of Education and Culture. I hope to secure the information within a few days. I should like to assure the Honble Members that all cases which involve political victimisation will be reviewed.

We shall write to the State Governments and universities requesting them to review the action taken against the staff in the educational organisations on political grounds, in the changed circumstances. I am hoping that the State Governments and Universities will respond to our request.

I have learnt that instructions had gone from the Ministry suggesting temporary postponement of elections to the various student unions in the Universities. I have directed that revised instructions may issue removing these restrictions. I am also taking up a review of instructions issued during the last 20 months in the wake of emergency imposing similar restrictions (Interruptions).

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Mr. Bose do not interrupt now. That subject-matter is now over. You will have enough opportunities to raise it again. Let the Home Minister introduce the Bill. Then you can have your objections and points of order.

12.33 hrs.

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL*

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER The question is

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963."

The motion was adopted.

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH
Sir I introduce the Bill

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER Now, I will listen to your points of order I cannot listen to any point of order when there is no business before the House

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir these Bills have been sent only this morning They are very important Bills which seek to undo some of the mischiefs done by the previous government As they have been circulated only today how are we to study them? The rule says that there should be at least seven days notice What is the urgency? The exception should not become the rule Of course the Speaker has got powers to waive the notice and allow the introduction Tomorrow is the last date I know what Mr Patnaik is telling you He is bringing to your notice that the Memorandum has been circulated I have gone through the Memorandum but the Memorandum does not explain the urgency of this Can't they wait till the next Session? I object to the introduction of the Bill and I object to the Speaker waiving the notice period

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry) I would like to submit, Mr Deputy Speaker Sir that I would like to have a method by which you can suggest to the government so that we can hear all the Members at the same time because now we are not able to hear the proceedings properly

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER That is why the Members should have some restraint. If one by one speaks every Member can have a chance to speak

SHRI ARVINDA BALA PAJANOR Sir the lunch hour is approaching and the brain power has no value and I don't think many of the Members will be here now Mr Deputy Speaker the

present Government is very much against the Emergency provision And we know pretty well that last time when the 42nd Amendment and some other amendments were presented before this House they used to supply the material about 8 O'clock or 9 O'clock and I had raised it in this very same House that this is a very bad practice I agree with Mr Kalyanasundaram for giving more time to introduce a Bill like this Actually I have got my paper today at 8.30 A.M. and this is not the way to treat us and if that is going to be the method and you are going to hurry with these Bills I think you are going to bury justice

SHRI SOUGATA BOY (Pattadakpore) The charge against the previous government was that it tried to rush through legislation during emergency We are making the same charge against the present Government that it is trying to do the things in a similar way

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Mr Kalyanasundaram I may say that what the Secretary was giving me was a copy of the Memorandum The Memorandum has been circulated and they have explained the urgency that is forcing them to adopt this course and the Speaker has waived notice and he has permitted this Bill to be introduced So there the matter ends

12.36 hrs

STATEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH)
Sir with your permission I lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English version) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Ordinance 1977

12.37 hrs.

DELHI ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL*

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Sir I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Delhi Administration Act 1966

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER The question is

That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to amend the Delhi Administration Act 1966

The motion was adopted

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH Sir I introduce the Bill

STATEMENT RE DELHI ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) With your permission again I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reason, for immediate legislation by the Delhi Administration (Amendment) Ordinance 1977

12.39 hrs

DISPUTED ELECTIONS (PRIME MINISTER AND SPEAKER) BILL*

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for authorities to deal with disputed elections to Parliament in the case of Prime Minister and Speaker of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Motion moved

That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for Authorities to deal with disputed elections to Parliament in the case of Prime Minister and Speaker of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith."

I have received notice from three Members and I will allow those three Members to speak.

SHRI SHYAMANANDAN MISRA (Begusarai) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I am rising to express certain doubts and misgivings about this measure. And if the hon. Law Minister succeeds in removing those doubts and misgivings I will not finally oppose this motion. But at the moment the position is that it seems to me quite obvious that this measure is contrary to the spirit of Article 14 of the Constitution which provides for equality before law. At the same time I am not able to understand why the present Government should be as keen as the previous government was that a Member when he or she becomes the Prime Minister he or she should be considered as a different animal to be treated in a different kind of zoo. That is the position which is frankly speaking not very clear to me. That the present government should subscribe to that principle as did the earlier government, is on the face of it strange. I have no doubt, Mr Deputy-Speaker that my government is as much committed to the salutary principle of equality before law as any one of the members of the party is. At the same time I realise that they have certain difficulties to contend with at the present moment which they may not have in the future. But I venture to think that there could be some other alternatives before the government. It is also quite clear—it does not require any reiteration to the hon. Law Minister—that our election manifesto states

that we shall ensure that all individuals including those who hold high offices are equal before law

What is the concept of equality before law? Is it being sought to be observed in this case? These are the crucial questions before us

Equality before law means that among equals the law should be equal and should be equally administered that is likes should be treated alike. Are we not as Members alike? I do hope that the hon. Law Minister thinks that we are all alike and that he would certainly do something to undo the grave wrong that has been done to the Constitution. I would have been happy if the hon. Law Minister had made it clear in the statement of objects and reasons itself that the ultimate objective of the government was to clear the position in this regard namely it could not subscribe to the idea of placing the Prime Minister above law. I do not think that there could be any objection to the ultimate objective of the hon. Law Minister being made clear in the statement of objects and reasons itself nothing came in the way of its being mentioned in the statement of objects and reasons. Even so I do hope that even at this point of time the hon. Law Minister would come forward if not today, tomorrow with a Bill to repeal Article 329 of the Constitution. I would now be coming to certain other points. But before I do so I would like to emphasise that the special privilege in favour of an individual continues to disfigure the Constitution, and it does do away with the salutary principle of equality before law. We should like the hon. Law Minister to make it clear to the House and to the world that he and this government do not subscribe to the principle that the Prime Minister can do no wrong that the Prime Minister should be treated in a different category altogether. However, I do realise as I said earlier, that the government is placed in a difficult predicament because of the

amendment of the Constitution and there is not sufficient time to undo the wrong that has been done to the Constitution. The Constitution now requires that a special authority shall be provided to try election cases relating to the Prime Minister and the Speaker and that authority was sought to be provided by an ordinance. It is also clear to me that this Bill is a substantial improvement upon the ordinance that had been promulgated by the earlier government because the earlier government had tried to institute a kind of tribunal which was unheard of in judicial history. There was to be a congeries of persons to try out election cases relating to the Prime Minister and the Speaker. This Bill seeks to eliminate non judicial elements from the tribunal and thus provides for the matter to be referred to a judicial tribunal. To that extent it is an improvement upon the ordinance that was promulgated by the former government in February. But my submission to the government and the hon. Law Minister is that they should take early steps to undo the wrong that has been done to the Constitution and to the sacred principle of equality before law.

Now a question may be asked. If you do not provide for an authority would there be a vacuum in law? If the ordinance was allowed to lapse, would there have been a vacuum or chaos in law? If that is so that position has to be taken into account. But to my mind, there could not have been any vacuum although I am assailed by a doubt because article 329 says that no such election shall be called into question except before such authority as is referred to in clause (b) of article 329. Clause (b) refers to the ordinary tribunals which try other election cases. That really creates a difficult situation but since the hon. Law Minister happens to be a great expert in law I would ask if there is a vacuum in law, what operates? Would the government be called to account for that? Can there

[Shri Shyamanandan Mishra]

be a vacuum in law? If there is indeed a vacuum in law is it that somehow the court will have to bring itself to accepting the existing forum for that purpose? The hon. Minister should have examined the position namely if the ordinance had been allowed to lapse there would have been a vacuum so far as the authority to try such cases was concerned. To my mind if there was a vacuum it would not have been allowed to remain by the court and the existing authority would have been allowed to operate.

Secondly my doubt is with regard to the forum of appeal. If the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints a judge of the Supreme Court to try the cases relating to the hon. Prime Minister and the hon. Speaker would not the Supreme Court as a forum of appeal be 'put out'? It may not be so. That is also my position but let the minister make the point clear. Apart from that in accordance with the provisions of the amended Constitution I think that any forum of appeal is ruled out in this case. I am now taking a different position altogether. I am not merely taking the position that since the tribunal would be appointed by the Chief Justice of India from amongst the judges of the Supreme Court the Supreme Court cannot be a forum of appeal. I am also taking into account the provisions of article 329 of the Constitution as it stands. Is not any forum of appeal completely ruled out according to article 329? Should the position be allowed to remain as it is? Could not a forum of appeal have been provided for? Perhaps the Constitution comes again in the way. Has the hon. Minister examined whether there would be a forum of appeal in the matter of these election cases? These are some of my doubts and I hope the minister will clear them.

श्री शरद यादव (जबलपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय हम लोगों ने, जनता पार्टी के

लागा ने अपने घोषणा पत्र में कहा था कि वानून के आगे हिन्दुस्तान के 62 करोड़ आदमी बराबर रहेंगे लेकिन यह बिल जो आया है इस में कहा गया है कि प्रधान मंत्री और स्पीकर के लिये अलग ट्रिब्यूनल बनाया जायगा और उस में जाच की जायगी। मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ और यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि पिछले प्रधान मंत्री ने जो प्रधान मंत्री इस देश में रहे जिसने हिमाचल को गुलाम बनाया, गया को गुलाम बनाया, जिसने विन्ध्यक्षेत्र को गुलाम बनाया जिसने कावेरी गोदावरी से लेकर सतलज तक सब को गुलाम बनाया, जिसने देश का छेतिहर मजदूर को गुलाम बनाया, जिसने देश के 62 करोड़ आदमियों को गुलाम बनाया वह सारे देश को गुलाम बनाने वाले आदमी कौन थे? वह कौन था? वह प्रधान मंत्री था। जो प्रधान मंत्री इस तरह की गल्ती कर सकता है वह कोई खुदा नहीं है। उन का लिये इस तरह से अलग कोई प्रावधान किया जाये इस को हम वर्दाशत नहीं करेंगे। मैं सरकार से कहना चाहता हूँ कि इस तरह की कोई विशेष सुविधा या कोई प्रिविलेज देकर प्रधान मंत्री और स्पीकर को अलग रखा जाये यह कोई अच्छी परम्परा नहीं है। पिछले प्रधान मंत्री से यह बात साबित हो गई है कि प्रधान मंत्री कोई खुदा नहीं होता, केवल इन्त ही होता है। उन से भयकर भूलें हुई हैं। जिन को इस देश का करोड़ों लोगों ने भोगा है। लाखों लोग जेल गये हैं। यह सारा कुछ प्रधान मंत्री ने ही किया था। आज दूसरे प्रधान मंत्री और स्पीकर बने हैं वे निस्पक्ष ही रहेंगे इस बात की क्या सम्भावना है? इसलिये मैं अपने ला मिनिस्टर से और अपनी पार्टी से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि ऐसा प्रावधान नहीं होना चाहिये। आज सवेरे जब मैं बैसट देखा तो 9

वजे यहां दौड़ कर आया। मेरी भावनाओं को बहुत ठेस लगी है। ला मिनिस्टर से मेरा निवेदन है कि इस बिल को तुरन्त वापिस लिया जाय। इस तरह का कोई ट्रियूनल नहीं बनाया जाना चाहिये। अगर यह बनाया जायेगा तो देश के नीजवान इस का समर्थन नहीं करेंगे हम चाहते हैं सरकार इस बिल को वापिस ले। कानून में सामनं हाईकोर्ट सुप्रीम कोर्ट या दूसरी अदालतों में प्रधान मंत्री और इस देश की 62 करोड़ जनता जिसों कपाल चपरासी सभी आते हैं वहां पर जाये मैं अपनी पूरी भावनाओं के साथ इस बात को यहां पर कह रहा हूँ पिछली प्रधान मंत्री ने जो पाप किये हैं उन से साबित हो जाता है कि इस देश में प्रधान मंत्री बहुत बड़ी गलतियाँ कर सकता है क्योंकि वह भी इन्सान होता है और सभी इन्सानों में कानून के सामने बराबरी होना चाहिये। यही मेरा ला मिनिस्टर से निवेदन है। इतना ही कहकर मैं अपनी बात समाप्त करता हूँ।

श्री मधु निमये (बाबा) • उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, इस विधेयक के पेश होने से मुझे डर लग रहा है कि देश में गलतफहमी फैलेगी। मैंने जब आज कार्यसूची देखी तो मैं भी परेशान हो गया कि जिस विधेयक का हम लोगो ने विरोध किया था—हम में से अधिकांश तो उस समय जेलों में बन्द थे लेकिन जो सदन में मौजूद थे उन्होंने अपनी भावना स्पष्ट शब्दों में व्यक्त की थी और हमने भी अपने विचार जेल से बाहर भेजने का प्रयास किया था इसलिए आज इसको देखा कर मैं परेशान हो गया। यह जो वास्टीट्यूशन प्रमेजमेंट एक्ट बना उसका नाम ही बड़ा गन्दा है। आप नाम देखिये :

Special Provisions as to elections to Parliament in the case of Prime Minister and Speaker

क्या प्रधान मंत्री और क्या स्पीकर, या चुनाव के मैदान में वे उतरते हैं तो य

केवल लोक सभा के उम्मीदवार होते हैं और उसके अलावा कुछ भी नहीं होते। मतदाताओं को भालूम भी नहीं होता कि कौन प्रधान मंत्री होने वाला है। ऐसी हालत में लोक सभा के उम्मीदवारों में किसी प्रकार का कोई विषम व्यवहार करना वह हमारे संविधान के जो बुनियादी सिद्धान्त हैं, समानता के सिद्धान्त हैं उनके विपरीत होगा।

मैं जानता हूँ कि 329(ए) को तत्काल रद्द करने में सरकार के सामने कुछ कठिनाइयाँ हैं लेकिन फिर भी मेरी मान्यता है कि पहले तो उद्देश्यों का जो ज्ञापन है उसमें बिल्कुल सफाई के साथ कहना चाहिये, जैसा कि श्यामनन्दन जी ने कहा कि किस परिस्थिति में हम यह विधेयक पेश कर रहे हैं। इसमें दूसरी गलती यह हुई है कि इस विधेयक के साथ साथ उसी दिन कार्यसूची में 329(ए) को रिपौल करने वाला संविधान संशोधन विधेयक भी आना चाहिए था। तब गलत-फहमी नहीं होती। मैं जानता हूँ—शायद कानून मंत्री यह सोच रहे हैं कि यदि वे 329(ए) वाला संशोधन विधेयक यहाँ पेश कर भी दें और वह लोकसभा में पास भी हो जाय, तो यह जरूरी नहीं है कि वह राज्य सभा में भी पास हो जाय। इस के लिये मैंने पहले ही यह मुझसे दिया था कि देश के जितने महत्वपूर्ण मामले हैं, लेजिस्लेटिव प्रोग्राम्ड हैं, सर्वेधानिय संशोधन हैं—इनके बारे में आपकी विरोध पक्ष के नेता से सलाह माँगविरा करना चाहिये। मैं, उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, आप के माध्यम से कानून मंत्री जी से प्रार्थना करूँगा कि वे औपचारिक तौर पर विरोध पक्ष के जो नेता हैं—राज्य सभा में या इस सदन में—दाना को बुलाइय और उन से बानचीत बीजिय। मैं यह बात सभी सर्वेधानिय संशोधनों के बारे में नहीं कह रहा हूँ, क्योंकि इस सम्बन्ध में उनकी अपनी राय है, उनकी अपनी नीति है, अपने कार्यक्रम हैं, हम उनमें हस्तक्षेप नहीं करना चाहते। लेकिन जैसा मैंने उनसे कहा था कि क्या एमर्जेंसी को आप एवेरेशन

[श्री मधुलिमये]

समझते हैं। तब उन्होंने कहा कि एमर्जेन्सी के दौरान जो हुआ है, वह हमारी परम्परा के अनुरूप नहीं है। प्रेस की परम्परा के अनुरूप नहीं है। इसलिये जन-स्वातन्त्र्य और जन-अधिकार पीपुल-रिजर्वेशन और पीपुल राइट्स—इनके बारे में हमारी उनकी एक राय है। इसलिये मेरा कहना है कि पहले संविधान संशोधन में आप केवल ऐसी दो-तीन बातों को रखिये जिनके बारे में किसी को गलतफहमी नहीं हो सकती है, जिनके द्वारा हम जनता के छीने हुए अधिकारों को लौटा रहे हैं। आप जन-स्वातन्त्र्य का अधिकार अपने बोट से अपने प्रतिनिधियों को चुनने का अधिकार या संघ-स्वातन्त्र्य का अधिकार समानता का अधिकार—य सब बातें उसमें आती हैं।

जहां तक मुझे मालूम है—बह्मण साहब पूरी पार्लियामेन्ट्री कांग्रेस पार्टी के नेता हैं, ऐसा नहीं है कि केवल लोक सभा के ही नेता हैं। इस लिये वे अपने राज्य सभा के सहयोगी से—मुझे पूरा भरोसा है—बात करेंगे। मैं चाहता हूँ कि मंत्री महोदय इस सदन को आश्वासन दें कि वे इस तरह का विधेयक लायेंगे और अगर उपाध्यक्ष महोदय आपको इजाजत दें उद्देश्य का जो आपन है उस में भी आप संशोधन कीजिये। क्योंकि यह ऐसा डायनोमेटर है, जिसके बारे में 100 साल के बाद भी कहा जा सकता है कि जनता पार्टी की सरकार एक चुनाव घोषणा पत्र के आधार पर जो कर आई, लेकिन पहले ही छोटे सत्र में वह ऐसा विधेयक लेकर आई जिसमें समानता के सिद्धान्त का हनन हुआ। इसलिए रिकार्ड को साफ करने के लिए अगर उपाध्यक्ष महोदय आपको इजाजत दें तो उसमें संशोधन कीजिये, उसमें एक वाक्य रखिये—चूंकि रिक्तता और शून्यता का खतरा था, इसलिये हम ऐसा कर रहे हैं। लेकिन हमारी नीति ऐसी नहीं है हम समानता के प्रति दुःसंकल्प हैं और समानता का रास्ता कायम करने के लिये कोशिश कर रहे हैं।

1300 hrs

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH (Hoshangabad) I rise on a point of order I fail to understand why the Janata government should continue to hold the babies, or rather, the ugly ducklings of the predecessor government (Interruption) I invite attention to Article 23 of the Constitution clause (2), Government could easily have found a way out of the course that they have adopted this morning—an unhealthy and undesirable course for the Janata government to adopt The Memorandum under Directions 19A and 19B supplied along with the explanatory statement laid on the Table along with the Bill states that the ordinance was promulgated by the President on the 3rd February 1977 Now the present Bill seeks to replace the said Ordinance with certain modifications Now, is that the only way open to the Government? Could Government not have taken recourse to article 123 clause (2) which would have easily helped them without holding this baby before Parliament this new Parliament, this Janata Parliament? Clause (2) says

“An Ordinance promulgated under this article shall have the same force and effect as an Act of Parliament but every such Ordinance—

(a) shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament and shall cease to operate at the expiration of six weeks from the reassembly of Parliament or if before the expiration of that period resolutions disapproving it are passed by both Houses upon the passing of the second of those resolutions and”

The latter part of above does not apply Further part (b) says

“(b) may be withdrawn at any time by the President”

Thus is very very helpful If they had taken it very seriously and if part (a) is not acceptable they could have

advised the President to withdraw the ordinance to restore the status quo ante prior to emergency. I would like the Law Minister to throw light on this matter.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am very happy at this matter has been raised by the hon Members, Shri Shyamnandan Misra, Shri Sharad Yadav and Shri Madhu Limaye and a point of order for Shri Kamath also.

I would like to say with all the emphasis at my command that the Government is totally opposed to the whole of article 329A. The Government is fully committed to restore absolute equality between the Prime Minister and the Speaker on the one hand and all the other hon Members of Parliament on the other hand. The Government believes that in all these matters the principle of equality is so basic and an integral part of democracy that without this equality no democracy can really succeed in this country.

But the hon House would appreciate the difficulties and the constraints under which the present Government has to function today for a certain period, on account of the things done by the previous government earlier. As the House is aware, article 329A was enacted under very very unfortunate circumstances in August 1975. I am, however, very happy that a part of that article 329A, namely, clause (4), was found to be so opposed to the basic structure of the Constitution that it was struck down by the whole Supreme Court. But, so far as the other clauses were concerned, namely clauses (1) (2) and (3) the Supreme Court did not get any opportunity in that case to pronounce upon with the result that those clauses are still in existence in the Constitution of India.

Now this Ordinance was promulgated by the previous Government is in

accordance with the requirements of article 239A. I would just read out as to what the requirement of article 329A is. That article says

“(1) Subject to the provisions of Chapter II of Part V except sub-clause (e) of clause (1) of article 102 no election—

(a) to either House of Parliament of a person who holds the office of Prime Minister at the time of such election or is appointed as Prime Minister after such election,

(b) to the House of the People of a person who holds the office of Speaker of that House at the time of such election or who is chosen as the Speaker for that House after such election,

shall be called in question except before such authority.”

—now what follows is very important—

“not being any such authority as is referred to in clause (b) of article (329) or body and in such manner as may be provided for by or under any law made by Parliament and any such law may provide for all other matters relating to doubts and disputes in relation to such election including the grounds on which such election may be questioned”

So that so long as the constitutional amendment was on the statute-book, the position was that neither Parliament nor the President in exercise of his ordinance promulgating authority could again provide for the same authority, because it was expressly said “such authority (not being any such authority as is referred to in clause (b) of article 329)”, which means that the High Court to which the election petition has to be presented against other Members of Parliament has been ruled out. So while the Government was very keen that the position of absolute equality must

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be immediately restored between the Prime Minister and the Speaker on the one hand and the other hon. Members on the other hand this constraint imposed by article 329A came in its way

Government wants to introduce a Bill for the total and complete repeal of article 329A and I would appeal to the Leader of the Opposition as well as friends on the other side to help us in establishing this equality between the Prime Minister and the Speaker on the one side and the other Members of the House on the other. This Bill I hope would be introduced very early

The Ordinance which had been issued by the previous Government provided that in the case of the Prime Minister and the Speaker the authority to decide the dispute about the election would be a kind of a parliamentary committee consisting of three representatives of the Lok Sabha three representatives of the Rajya Sabha and three nominees of the Government. The public sentiment was that such an authority would not command the confidence of the public. The option before us was to substitute some authority other than the High Court because that was prohibited by the article itself and we thought that if we could not substitute a High Court as the authority as in the case of other Members of Parliament, we must not substitute an inferior authority but might substitute a superior authority. That was the reason behind this provision and we thought that as we could not have any authority other than a Judge we would have a permanent sitting Judge of the Supreme Court to be nominated by the Chief Justice.

Shri Shyamnandan Mishra raised a point that the Ordinance could have been withdrawn under article 123(2) (b). There is no doubt that it could have been withdrawn but if it had been withdrawn and no other Bill had been introduced, there would have

been a vacuum. Shri Mishra appears to be under the impression that if there was a vacuum, the courts would perhaps have formulated some kind of a remedy. The High Court perhaps might have entertained a petition against the Prime Minister or the Speaker. I am very sorry to say that that would not be the legal position in the face of the clear provision in article 329. So if the Ordinance had been withdrawn or allowed to lapse the position would have been exactly the reverse of what the hon. Member contemplates, namely we would have been open to the charge that by allowing the Ordinance to lapse while we are not restoring and cannot constitutionally restore the authority of the High Court to question the election of the Prime Minister and the Speaker we are eliminating even such authority as was provided by the Ordinance and it would have been said that the election of the Prime Minister and the Speaker could not be questioned before any forum. So some forum had to be provided. A vacuum should not be allowed to come in. Therefore we have within the constraints of the Constitutional provision, provided for a Supreme Court Judge. There cannot be any possible objection to that.

But at the same time we would like the judge of the High Court to be substituted as quickly as possible and therefore that Bill would be introduced. Another point which has been raised is about the appellate forum. Now care has been taken that here a Supreme Court judge who would be nominated by the Chief Justice would not be deciding the election petition. It would be the authority constituted by a notification of the President. But the authority will be that sitting judge of the Supreme Court who is nominated by the Chief Justice with the result that he would be functioning as the authority and since that authority would be a judicial authority it would be disposing of judicial disputes. Judicial controversies. Therefore the de-

cision of such an authority would be questionable by an appeal to the Supreme Court under Article 136 of the Constitution

Just as in the High Courts sometimes a matter is decided by a single judge of the High Court and even though a High Court judge has disposed of a matter an appeal lies in the High Court itself before two judges or a large number of judges the legal position would be that in regard to this single judge of the High Court who would be deciding a dispute as an authority constituted an appeal would lie against the decision of that single judge of the Supreme Court before the Supreme Court as such under Article 136 of the Constitution

I hope that with this clarification any doubts in the matter anywhere in the country which might otherwise have been there and the point which had now been so pointedly raised would be completely set at rest and we shall get the co-operation of the entire House in our firm resolve as quickly as possible to put the constitutional position on a sound footing which is in the fitness of things in a democratic country

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER He has answered all the points. Has he leave of the House to introduce the Bill?

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA One point remains to be clarified According to the provision of Article 329 of the Constitution the appeal is perhaps not eliminated I want to know the clear position It appears to me—on a cursory view of Article 329 as the Bill was circulated amongst us this morning and we did not have enough time to go into it—in accordance with the provision of Article 329 that the appeal is not barred

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN In fact earlier also before the High Court

was designated as the authority to deal with the election petition the House would recall that there used to be a tribunal to decide election petitions At that stage this very question had been raised in High Courts and the matter had ultimately gone to the Supreme Court and arguments had been advanced that because Article 329 contemplated no authority other than the authority laid down under Article 329 it would alone decide the election disputes Therefore that had ruled out either the writ petition in the High Court against the decision of the election tribunal or an appeal to the Supreme Court under Article 136 But the Supreme Court had decided on that question that Article 329 did not rule out the constitutional power of the Supreme Court to entertain a writ petition against the decision of the election petition or the power of the Supreme Court under Article 136 to entertain the appeal against the decision of the tribunal There is no reason to think that the Supreme Court will not take this in view

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER The question is

'That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for authorities to deal with disputed elections to Parliament in the case of Prime Minister and Speaker of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith'

The motion was adopted

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN I introduce the Bill

STATEMENT RE DISPUTED ELECTIONS (PRIME MINISTER AND SPEAKER) ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) I lay

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on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Disputes Elections (Prime Minister and Speaker) Ordinance 1977

13 15 hrs

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE ADDRESS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER We shall begin further discussion on the motion of thanks on the Address by the Vice-President acting as President

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) Before we begin discussion on the motion of thanks on the Address by the Vice-President acting as President I would like to make a statement regarding the sitting of the House Yesterday you would recall it was decided that the debate on the motion would continue for an hour this morning and the Prime Minister would be requested to reply to the debate at 2 PM As things have gone on in the House now we see that one hour after the Question Hour is over and the time for lunch recess has come I would therefore request you to agree to forego the lunch recess and continue with the debate on the President's Address This will give an opportunity to more hon Members to speak and participate in the debate The Prime Minister will then reply to the debate at 3 PM

SHRI K RAGHU RAMAIAH (Guntur) Sir it has been the customs and the procedure in this House all these years that when changes like this are made the Opposition is also consulted While I have no objection to the present proposal I would like my hon. friend the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to follow the time-honoured customs of consulting the Opposition

about any extension of time or extension of the sitting of the House or any such accommodation We are willing to cooperate. But we should not be ignored

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA I wish to say that I am extremely sorry that I did not have the occasion to consult the Opposition I will see that such a lapse does not occur in future

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER I think the House agrees to the suggestion put forward by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

HON MEMBERS Yes

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER I would also suggest that if need be we may sit beyond 6 O'clock today to complete some of the Government business

श्री शरद यादव (जबलपुर) उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं थोड़ा सा बिहार वाला मामला जो था उसकी ओर आपका ध्यान दिखाना चाहता हूँ। आप देखिये कि हिन्दुस्तान में जो भी मामला हुआ है बिहार विधान सभा को भय करने के बारे में कितने नोजवानों की जानें गईं, कितनी ही हमारे साथ ज्यादातया ई सब कुछ हुआ और 90 यादगिरियों ने इस्तीफा दे रखा है। और उस विधान सभा को जिसने इतने सब पाप किये हैं भग कराने के प्रश्न पर नोजवान लोग लोक सभा के सामने भूख हड़ताल कर रहे हैं। बिहार में नोजवान तबलीफ में हैं उनकी मरनामों को ठेस लग रही है। साथों लोगों ने दस्तखत करके दिया है कि इस लोक सभा के चुनाव में बिहार की जनता ने सारे से सारे वापस के जो खडे हुए विजली के खम्भे से सब को हरा दिया। मैं भी छात्र सपर्य समिति के सदस्या के साथ प्रधान मंत्री से मिला था और उन्होंने 8 दिन का वक्त दिया था कि इस बीच कोई फैसला हो जायगा। लेकिन अभी तक उस बारे में कोई फैसला नहीं हुआ है। बिहार के लोगों की जो मरनामों हैं, जितनी कुरबानियाँ

उन्होंने दी हैं, जितनी हमने यातनायें और कष्ट सहते हैं, उन सब को ध्यान में रखते हुए मेरा सरकार से निवेदन है कि जा नौजवान भूख हड़ताल पर बैठे हुए हैं उनकी तरफ देख कर और बिहार के नौजवानों और जनता की भावनाओं को समझ कर वे सरकार जल्दी से फैसला दे और उस पापी विधान सभा को भग करे। जनता न तो अपना फैसला दे दिया है अब आपको फैसला देना चाहिये।

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elections to the Assembly
का सरकार को इससे सम्बन्ध में भी अपनी स्थिति इसी सेशन में साफ कर देनी चाहिये।

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER Now, we proceed with the discussion on the President's Address. As there is hardly 1-1/2 hours time left it would be appreciated if the hon. Members take only about 5 minutes each.

Shri Chitta Basu

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat)
Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir, as you are aware the Sixth Lok Sabha has been constituted against the background of a series of political events of extraordinary and far reaching significance. Therefore in all fairness the President's Address is to be viewed in the light of the political changes that have taken place in the country.

The result signifies in short the unshakable faith of the Indian masses in the parliamentary institutions and the democratic processes despite strong arm policies of the erstwhile Government to reverse them. It is nothing short of mass revolt against the tyranny of a thin caucus who

went in the name of the Government and who permitted the operation of extra constitutional powers at various levels. It was a silent revolt but conspicuous in its eloquence.

This is the inevitability of the process of history. We know that certain policy statements have been made by the Government and those policy statements are really in accordance with the mass movement in the country. Particularly I refer to the statements made by the Minister of Railways and the Minister of Communications wherein the wishes and aspirations of the working class, the labour leaders and the employees have been properly reflected in the matter of reinstating those employees who were dismissed or suspended because of the participation in legal trade union activity.

13 20 hrs.

[SHRI DHIRENDRA KISHOR BASU in the Chair]

We know that the new Government is riding on the wave of victory. New hopes and expectations have also been raised among the masses. This mass enthusiasm has to be further consolidated and strengthened. It is necessary that the Government of the day should take appropriate measures and specific and concrete decisions in the matter of ensuring popular involvement in policy making and also in administration. I am sorry to note that no mention of this aspect has been made in the President's address. I think this is a lacuna and this has to be taken note of.

I further appeal to the Government that such measures should immediately be taken whereby the people will feel that there will really be a change for the working classes of this country. The House knows that the agricultural workers of our country constitute an overwhelming majority of the working population. It has been the policy of the erstwhile Government to allow the State Governments to fix up the minimum wages for agri-

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cultural labourers As you know in many States the minimum wages for agricultural labourers have been fixed but in most of the States these minimum wages are not being given to the agricultural labourers This Government is committed to give effect to the Gandhian principles According to Mahatma Gandhi it is in the villages that India lives and the agricultural workers of our country, as I mentioned earlier constitute an overwhelming bulk of the working population I think the Government should take immediate measures to see that there is general implementation of the minimum wages for agricultural workers Labour is a Concurrent subject I don't know why the Government cannot have laws of a nature which will also include enforcement of the minimum wages in different States in respect of agricultural workers and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Adivasis who have been subject to inhuman atrocities in the past In the President's address there is no specific mention of measures to safeguard their interests in their economic social and political life

The organised working class is happy to know that the Government is willing to amend the Bonus Act But it has not been specifically mentioned as to whether this amendment will be given effect to with retrospective effect Government should amend the Bonus Act immediately and restore the right to a minimum bonus of 833 per cent with retrospective effect with effect from 1975

Today during the call attention on political prisoners, some statement has been made but the statement is not specific and clear As far as my knowledge goes the State Government of West Bengal recently made a statement wherein it has been said that more than 6,264 political prisoners are still behind the prison bars in the State of West Bengal There

are various charges against them, there are undertrial prisoners There has not been any specific declaration of amnesty for the release of all political prisoners That is very necessary in order to avoid the legal complications I do not have much time to discuss that But it is well known and it should be known to this Government also that while these political prisoners were in jail many of them have been victims of oppression and to torture in jail many of them have also been killed while in jail and we have heard of built-up stories of killing on the plea of so-called encounter with the police There have been many instances of this nature It is for the Government of India to institute a thorough inquiry into the matter relating to the question of political prisoners and declare immediately an amnesty for the immediate release of all political prisoners

Certain points have been raised by the Leader of the Opposition as to the justifiability of the Forty Second Constitution Amendment I would like to remind him that, although they have the plea that the Forty Second Amendment has been made for the strengthening of the democratic fabric of our country it is our feeling it is our considered opinion that it was perpetrated only to perpetuate the one-party rule and to perpetuate the Emergency Therefore in the affairs of things, if they are really for the strengthening of the democratic character of our Constitution they should not oppose any move from the present Government for scrapping that Forty-Second Constitution Amendment Act

I would further request you to consider that there is a new situation now in the country The State Legislatures in different parts of our country, after the poll results, have got no moral or legal claim to wield the authority of the State There should be immediate elections in the States Unless that is done the Governments in the States will not have the confi-

dence of the people to run the Government

These are the few points which were lacking in the President's Address. Even in this late hour the Prime Minister or the other Ministers who take part in the debate can give these specific assurances to the House and to the country so that the people can feel that there has been a real change in our country and they can also have the feeling of meaningful participation in the governance of the country.

SHRI P K DEO (Kalahandi) Mr Chairman Sir it was the biggest ambition in my life to see a non Congress Government at the Centre and evolution of a two-party system so that the monopoly of power could be wrested from the ruling Party. If the history of evolution of democracy in this country is to be written this will find a place that as early as 1948 after placing all that we had at the feet of Mother India I and Shri R N Singh Deo raised the banner of opposition in the name of Ganatantra Parishad. I am alive today to see this unique spectacle but he is not here he is dead and gone.

In 1952 an attempt was made for the first time in the first Lok Sabha for the polarisation of the opposition parties in this House and the National Democratic Party was formed with Shri Shyama Prasad Mukherjee as the leader and Shri R N Singh Deo as the Secretary General.

For this magnificent election results, I salute the people of this great country who during this emergency in their typical characteristic manner endured all hardship and sufferings indignation and humiliation and waited for the appropriate time to undo the wrong and have manifested their vitality and maturity in putting a non Congress Government in the Centre. This unprecedented, bloodless coup will go down in the history of the world as a magnificent achievement.

ment of the people. It has the unique leadership of Loknayak Shri Jaiprakash Narayan, to whom all my salutations go. Democracy has taken a firm root in this country and will be a permanent feature in our life.

The elections are over and the Government have settled down to business. I would like to remind you that in spite of minority of votes it is the Congress Party which managed to be in power for thirty years. If you analyse the voting figures it used to vary from 37 per cent to 42 per cent in favour of the Congress Party. But it is because of the multiplicity of the opposition parties that they could be in power for all these thirty years.

In all humility in the name of God, in the name of this ancient land Bharat Varsha and in the name of democracy I plead with our revered Prime Minister respected Babuji Sardar Parkash Singh Badal and the various other components of the Janata Party to eschew all the differences and to bury them and try to forge a viable alternative to the Congress Party and to form one Party under one discipline. This is because our experience regarding SVD Governments has been very bitter in the past. In Orissa we had the opportunity to share power with the Congress Party the Jan Congress Party and the Utkal Congress three times but the Government did not run its full term. Taking all these facts into consideration I again request the various components the various constituents of the Janata Party to forge into one party. Only in that case they can fulfil the aspirations and expectations of the people. The President, in his Address has rightly pointed out about the evolution of a healthy two party system and I hope it will materialise in the near future.

In this old land a new era of freedom has dawned which was eclipsed during the emergency. There is no more the climate of suffocation, suspicion and suspense which in those days vitiated the premises of Parli-

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ment House and the Central Hall. The Central Hall which used to be humming with various activities and intellectual discussion had the look of a ghost house. The whole country was converted into a prison. We know that various atrocities and excesses had been committed by the then Government during that period. I take this opportunity to give a few examples which will provide a peep-hole to look into the ghastly panorama of the holocaust that was perpetrated during that period.

One Shri Parsuram Satpathy, a budding journalist and a youth leader was murdered in broad daylight in Bhojpur and he was crushed to death by the jeep of the Youth Congress and up to now the truth has not been brought to light.

Shri Sarat Chandra Singh Deo, an MLA in my constituency died in mysterious circumstances in the Inspection Bungalow of Rayaguda while he was on tour with the Estimates Committee and in spite of our request to the Chief Minister, nothing was done.

Shri Satya Prasad Mund, an innocent and respected lawyer of Bhavnipatna was put behind the bars because some RSS pamphlets were found at his place. Some students singing patriotic songs were put behind the bars as MISA prisoners. The crime they committed was that they were singing patriotic songs. Shri Natwar Palan, MLA was detained under MISA had a heart attack in the jail and in spite of my request to the Chief Minister to release him at least on parole nothing was done. So in the shape of an amendment, I have made a request that an inquiry should be made into the excesses committed by the various Chief Ministers during the emergency and appropriate action should be taken against them.

The President has reiterated the pledge of the Government to remove destitution within a time limit of 10 years. To form a socialist and equal

itarian society we need not take a leaf from Engel or Marx or Lenin. We need not import the connotation of socialism from Moscow or Peking. India is basically a socialist country. Bharat is not a Bhoga Bhoomi, it is a Thyaga Bhoomi. The Isavasyopanishad of the Yajur Veda says

ईयं व स मीद मव दत्तं चित् उ द्या - गत्
तेन त्यक्तेन मुञ्जोष म - गुध व स्य सिद्धयन्म् ।

It is our good fortune that the Prime Minister is the embodiment of all those values for which India is great to day and I hope our objective would be achieved in the Gandhian way. I wish the Prime Minister all success and I sincerely hope that what has been mentioned in the President's Address will be achieved in the time schedule.

The President has not dilated in his speech regarding the various socio-economic programmes and the steps to be taken to remove disparities between man and man and region and region.

In spite of 25 years of planning there has been no impact on the western districts of Orissa even though that area has been endowed with vast natural resources. No employment opportunities have been created in spite of 25 years of planning and all the money has flowed to the coastal districts. Even peons, even clerks, motor car drivers and cleaners are being recruited in that area from outside.

Our demand for a second steel plant for which there was a Satyagraha before the Prime Minister's house in which Shri Biju Patnaik also participated should be implemented as soon as possible. It is our good fortune that the mantle of the Steel Ministry has fallen on his bold shoulders and I hope he will fulfil the genuine demand of Orissa.

Then, Sir the Indravati project which will irrigate 5 lakhs acres of

chronically drought affected western districts of Orissa and also generate 600 megawatts of hydel power and which will go a long way to help putting up an aluminium plant due to the availability of high-grade bauxite ore there should be taken up. I stress all this because the Fifth Five Year Plan is going to be recast and with all humility I submit that this should be given effect to. In the shape of an amendment to the President's Address to the Motion of Thanks to the Acting President I suggested that it should be made mandatory for all Ministers and Members of Parliament to declare their assets publicly every year and to make them available for public scrutiny. I think Government will give thought to it.

Shri Morarji Desai was the Chairman of the Administrative Reforms Commission. Shri V Shankar was the Secretary and Shri H V Kamath was also the Member of the Commission. In the first Report they suggested that an Institution like Ombudsman, Lok Pal or Lok Ayukta should be installed soon to look into the people's grievances and complaints. As Shri Morarji Desai has become the Prime Minister he should take the first step to have the Lok Pal and the Lok Ayukt Act passed soon as recommended by him.

The previous Government never gave thought to this. This Bill was introduced. It continued for five years and ultimately lapsed. Taking into consideration all these facts I beg to submit that the Prime Minister should give a serious thought to this matter.

Lastly I would like to submit that we are going to submit our Election Returns. We all know that Election Returns which we have to submit will be a false statement because all of us have spent much more than what has been prescribed in law. So I would request the Law Minister to give a serious thought to this question that

all political parties should be registered under the Society Registration Act of 1860 and their yearly account should be audited and published within the prescribed period of one year from the date of election.

With these words I conclude.

SHRI NARENDRA P NATHWANI (Junagadh) The speeches on this Motion of Thanks centre round mainly on two points—bread and liberty. Both are essential. In fact they are complementary to each other. I shall deal with the question of liberty.

It is most gratifying that in his Address the Acting President referred to the urgent need of restoring rule of law and freedom of expression. He also assured the nation that a number of measures were contemplated to strengthen democratic functioning. He also referred to the need for restoring proper balance among the three organs of the State—Executive, Judiciary and the Legislature. This stress on democratic functioning is a corollary to the issue on which the elections were fought during the last month. What was the issue? It was a clear specific single issue, namely, "the people had to choose between democracy and dictatorship." Dictatorship of the worst type. There can be dictatorships of an enlightened nature. But here it was of a fascist type. What are the essential characteristics of a fascist type of dictatorship? In a fascist type of dictatorship the chief is for one leader, one party and one banner and the erstwhile ruling party had adopted the slogan "India is Indira and Indira is India" which represented one of these characteristics of Fascism. We have now known how internal emergency was declared on 25th June 1975. The promulgation was made. And only after that the Cabinet meeting was held and this step was approved. So it was a decision taken by one individual, namely the then Prime Minister of India. It was this issue of Emergency which was raised specifically in a pointed manner without any ambiguity before the electorate.

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and they gave their verdict by an overwhelming majority in favour of the Janata Party and with Congress for Democracy. The Leader of the Opposition himself said the other day while participating in this Debate that people had rejected emergency and the attendant amendments of MISA and Pre censorship.

SHRI A K. ROY (Dhanbad) I have got a point of order. The House does not have quorum. Both the Treasury benches and the opposition benches are empty. Nobody is there in the House. The debate should be discontinued. They should not neglect the speech of new Members. It should not be the case that only when important members speak everybody will be there and when new members speak, nobody will be there. It will be only discrimination. On this point I raise my point of order. I propose that this debate must discontinue.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) I respect the feelings of the hon. Member that all members should be present here. But during the lunch hour it has been the practice, of this House not to raise the question of quorum.

So far as Treasury Benches were concerned Mr. Shanti Bhushan was here and he left only when I had come and resumed my seat here. We are taking note of whatever is being said here. I am sure my learned friend will see that when the debate is replied to on behalf of the Government all important points will be answered. However, I do hope that all the Members will be here. For lunch hour, you do not need the quorum.

MR CHAIRMAN Anyway, if the quorum is challenged, the bells may be rung.

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA I said that there was no need for the quorum during lunch hours.

MR CHAIRMAN All right. Let the hon. Member continue.

SHRI NARENDRA P NATHWANI Sir, I heard the Leader of the Opposition to say that the people had rejected only the emergency. But, Sir, there are members of the erstwhile ruling party and some of them, both inside and outside the House, who still try to pass over, may even dismiss this verdict of the people by saying first that the defeat was due to some excesses committed by overzealous officials and then tried to find some scapegoats and in this connection references made to the high personages namely Sarvashri Bansi Lal, Sanjay Gandhi and V C Shukla. How far it is true, has to be examined by the persons concerned. It is not that a few isolated, casual, solitary instances were responsible for their rout in this election. Suppression of the freedoms and the democracy was resorted to systematically and in an organized manner. Not only the Leaders of the Opposition parties were taken in detention but some Members of the erstwhile ruling party in Parliament who were independent were also detained and thus the freedom of expression on the part of the ruling party members was also suppressed. We also know how the press was gagged.

We know that the press was gagged to a great extent. Let alone the members of the opposition who were detained under MISA but even the genuine hardships were not allowed to be published. I can give you instances after instances. Here I would only quote one to show to what extent the press was gagged. Sir, it was a case of a village in a part of Saurashtra, where people experienced scarcity of water. In 'PHUL CHHAB' published from Rajkot a news item was published that there was scarcity of water and people were experiencing hardship and that the authorities should look into it.

But the censor officer came down upon 'PHUL CHHAB' and told them

to take note that this was emergency and such news item should not be published. When his attention was drawn to the news item being correct, he replied that even if there was hardship such a fact should not be published even if the trains were not running according to time people would have to say that there was no delay and hardship because during that emergency there was to be no suggestion of any hardship suffered by people.

Sir there were also restrictions placed on holding of meetings. That brings me to my personal case. In September 1975 there was Maharashtra State Lawyers Conference in Bombay. Lawyers from outside Bombay were brought and given accommodation by the Government. A handful of lawyers from Bombay attended it and they approved of the emergency. I had gone abroad and just returned. I am a retired judge of the High Court and I decided to call a meeting—a closed door meeting—of the lawyers from Greater Bombay to consider in a constructive manner the civil liberties and the rule of law under the Constitution.

Sir it is interesting to note what happened? There was a notification issued at that time by Government prohibiting the assembly of five or more persons without the permission of the Police Commissioner. This was going to be a closed door meeting of lawyers only interested in the rule of law. That meeting was to be addressed by three persons—Shri M C Chagla former Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, Shri J C Shah former Chief Justice of Supreme Court and myself former judge of the Bombay High Court. I for sake of caution applied for Police Commissioner's permission. The Police Commissioner is a wise person. He saw no objection to this meeting being held but he knew the cabinet might not like it. Therefore he referred the matter to

the Cabinet—though he was not bound to do it. The Cabinet turned down my application. I took the matter to Bombay High Court. The matter was argued for 30 days before a Division Bench. Shri Jethmalani and Shri Palkhivala argued the matter on behalf of myself and other petitioners. Ultimately the judgement was given in our favour permitting us to hold the meeting. The Government of Maharashtra preferred an appeal for stay which was granted by the Supreme Court. Technically the matter is still there. Personally I believe that in view of withdrawal of Emergency and the subsequent events that have happened that appeal would not be heard and it would be withdrawn. But what is to be noticed is that it is not a few isolated acts of excesses alleged to have been committed but it was a systematic programme and an organised comprehensive scheme to suppress liberties to terrorise the people and then to gag the press. The situation that prevailed at that time can be described in an Urdu couplet

हम झट भी मरते हैं ता हो ज़ात हें वनाम
व बल भी करत हैं ता चचा ही हाती ।

What I mean is this when democracy was smothered we the lawyers could not discuss it in a meeting which was to be addressed among others by Mr Chagla the ex Foreign Minister of India and other judges. We were dubbed as spreading sedition spreading treason and so on.

So Sir these alleged acts of excesses could not be passed over merely as stray examples. If the public has expressed its condemnation that condemnation is directed against Emergency and the reign of terror that prevailed during those 19 months. This does not mean that we do not believe in discipline. We know that law without liberty is tyranny. Liberty without law and order without discipline is chaos. This is well known. When we ask for restoration of civil

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liberties or rule of law it does not mean that we want to encourage indiscipline. That must be made very clear.

Sir, yesterday a hon Member from the opposite side said that progressive measures by way of land reforms and by way of social and economic changes were thwarted by reactionary judicial system. I do not know whether that hon Member knows about a full bench of 13 Supreme Court judges having been constituted in December 1975 to reconsider the principle laid down in *Keshvananda Bharti* case which said that Parliament could not amend the Constitution so as to abrogate the fundamental basic structure of the Constitution. At that time several judges of the Bench asked the Attorney General one relevant question: "Can you give us a single instance where a progressive measure—either economic or social—has been thwarted by the Supreme Court or by any of the High Courts?" No answer was given to that question. So, Sir, what is the use of indulging loosely in a statement like this that the judicial system has come in the way of economic and social progress.

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Lastly, Sir, yesterday another hon Member from the opposite side tried to compare the respect with which members of the present ruling party listened to the advice given by Shri Jayaprakash ji. Sir, we know the power that was exercised by Shri Sanjay Gandhi. He exercised extra-constitutional power. He had no position as such. His only qualification was that he happened to be the son of the then Prime Minister and the highest authorities, namely, even Chief Ministers are reported to have touched his feet and praised him sky high. How could you compare such a case with that of members of the ruling party—whoever may be the ruling party—listening to the advice or seek-

ing advice from men like Acharya Kripalani or Jayaprakash ji? Such analogy is sterile, Sir, with these words I support the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address moved by Shri Karpooji Thakur.

श्री जगदम्बो प्रभाव पावर् (गार्ड्स): माननीय गभानपति जी, मैं माननीय कपूरी ठाकुर जी के धन्यवाद ज्ञान प्रस्ताव का समर्थन करने के लिये यहाँ हूँ। हमारे प्रतिपक्ष के माननीय सदस्य ने हमारे कार्यकारी राष्ट्रपति जी के इस अभिभाषण को बड़ा ही हल्का कहा। मैं इतना ही कहना चाहता हूँ कि सतर्कता के दोहरे देखने में छोटे लगे पाव करे गम्भीर। उसी तरह से यह देखने में तो छोटा है लेकिन जनता सरकार की ग पूर्ण कार्यवाहियों का दिशा निर्देश करने के बहुत ही महत्त्व है।

मैं वांछित सदस्यों को याद दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि जनता सरकार ने आज कम-से-कम इन्हें यह भाजादी तो दी है कि वह अपने भावों को सदन में और सदन से बाहर प्रकट कर सकें। आपात-कालीन स्थिति लगने के बख्त इसी स्थिति यह भी कि मन्त्रि-परिषद् के सदस्य भी यह नहीं जान सकें कि आपातकालीन स्थिति की घोषणा होने जा रही है। और यह भी नहीं जान सके थे कि शिमला नारेस जो पाकिस्तान के साथ हो रही थी, उसमें क्या हो रहा था। वहाँ कि जानकारी मन्त्रि-परिषद् के सदस्यों को भी नहीं थी। लेकिन आज सोभाग्य है कि जनता पार्टी के शासन में इनको सारी बातें कहने की पूरी इजाजत है, छूट है।

आज सचमुच में प्रजातन्त्र का बहुत बड़ा उद्घाटन हो रहा है। इनके समय में रेडियो और टेलीविजन का सरकारीकरण हो गया था, सिवाय सरकार के और कोई दूसरी बात उस पर नहीं होती थी, लेकिन

आज आप देखें कि कल हमारे प्रधानमंत्री का संदेश उम पर प्रसारित हुआ और आज उसने इतिहास में पहली बार प्रतिपक्ष के नेता का भाषण प्रसारित होगा और टेलीविजन पर दर्शाया जायेगा। सचमुच में यह प्रजातंत्र का रूप है जो जनता पार्टी के चलते दिग्दर्शित हो रहा है।

ग्रेसी सदस्यों ने आपात स्थिति लाने के कारण यहां बताया है, मैं उनसे पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जिस समय गुजरात और बिहार में आन्दोलन पूरे जोर पर था, उस समय आपातकालीन स्थिति क्यों नहीं लगाई गई? यह आपातकालीन स्थिति तब लगाई गई जब तत्कालीन प्रधानमंत्री चुनाव में वैधानिक रास्ते से कार्ट में हार गई। जब कांग्रेसी सरकार के सारे मंत्री चुनाव हार चुके थे, सरकार गिर चुकी थी, तब सरकार जाते-जाते आपातकालीन स्थिति उठा गई। उन्हें ऐसा लगा कि आपातकालीन स्थिति के दौरान जो तत्कालीन विरोधी दलों के लाखों लोगो को जेल में डाला है, उनको लेकर वही अपना ही हथियार अपने ऊपर न चला जाये। लेकिन मैं जनता पार्टी की ओर से आश्वासन देना चाहता हूँ कि जतना पार्टी ऐसे कारणों को हाथ में लेकर किसी प्रकार न भी जनतंत्र का गला घाटना पसन्द नहीं करेगी।

सभापति महोदय, मैं कार्यकारी राष्ट्रपति महोदय न उस भाषण का उल्लेख करना चाहता हूँ जो इस सरकार का मार्गदर्शन करने के लिए दिया गया है। सबसे बड़ी समस्या आज देश की अगर बाई है जिसके कारण कांग्रेसी सरकार का ध्वस्त होना पड़ा, ता यह बेकारी की समस्या है। भारत का नौजवान बेकारी में परेशान होकर आजारी व आन्दोलन

में है। सचमुच इस देश के सामने सबसे बड़ी ज्वलन्त समस्या बेकारी की है। हमारे कार्यकारी राष्ट्रपति जे ने इस सरकार का निर्देशन किया है कि 10 वर्ष में बेरोजगारी की समस्या का निदान किया जायेगा। मैं सरकार से निवेदन करता हूँ कि बेकारी के इस निदान की भूमिका जल्द से जल्द तैयार हो, जिससे भारत की जनता के सामने यह सरकार की कार्यवाही प्रकट हो सके और नौजवानों को आश्वासन मिल सके कि सचमुच में जिम्मेदार सरकार का बतान में उन्होंने अपना खून-पसीना एक किया है, वह सरकार सक्षम है और उसने कदम आगे बढ़ाया है जिससे बेकारी घटेगी।

कार्यकारी राष्ट्रपति जे ने वृष्टि की नीति के बारे में भी उल्लेख किया है। वास्तव में यह वृष्टि समाज और आनीष समाज ही था जहां पर कांग्रेस की जड़ थी लेकिन 30 वर्षों के शासन में कांग्रेस न वृष्टि की और आमीणा की उद्देश्य की जिसके कारण उस समुदाय ने कांग्रेसियों को घराशाही किया। भारते कार्यकारी राष्ट्रपति जे ने कहा है, कि "किसानों को अपने उत्पादन का उचित दाम नहीं मिला है, वृष्टि तथा सम्बद्ध विकास के लिए विनियोजन बहुत ही अपर्याप्त है और गावा की स्थिति सुधारन की आवश्यकता पर बहुत कम ध्यान दिया गया। एक लाख से ज्यादा गावा में पीने के पानी जैसी प्राथमिक सुविधा भी नहीं है। मेरी सरकार रोजगार उन्मुख नीति अपनाएगी, जिसमें वृष्टि विकास, वृष्टि उद्योग, छोटे घर कुटीर उद्योगों को विशेष रूप में ग्रामीण इलाकों में प्राथमिकता मिल सके।

यद्यपि इस अधिभाषण में नीति निर्देशन ता दिया गया है, लेकिन सरकार

[श्री जगदम्भी प्रसाद यादव]

की कृषि नीति का अभी भी स्पष्टीकरण नहीं हो पाया है। सरकार अभी यह तय नहीं कर पाई है कि किसानों को उन्हीं उत्पादन का क्या मूल्य दिया जाए। सरकार कृषि उत्पादन का अधिक मूल्य देने में हिचक रही है, मगर यह भी स्मरण रखना चाहिए कि कृषि के इम्प्लीमेंट्स के दाम बहुत बढ़ गए हैं। उदाहरण के लिए जो पा र टिल्लर पहले 4 या 6 हजार रुपए में बिकता था, आज वह 21 हजार रुपए में बिकता है। इसने लिए सरकार की नीति भी उत्तरदायी है। जो चीजें इम्पोर्ट की जाती हैं, उन पर 40 परसेंट कर लिया जाता है। इस के अनिश्चित 20 परसेंट उत्पादन कर और 3 से 13 परसेंट राश्या का बिक्री कर है। इस प्रकार मिर्क एक पावर टिलर पर 70, 75 परसेंट सरकारी कर हो जाते हैं। अगर सरकार चाहे, तो वह इसमें कुछ रियायत देकर किसानों द्वारा प्रयुक्त इम्प्लीमेंट्स को कम दाम पर दे सकती है। खाद, बीजा और जीवनोपयोगी चीजा क सम्बन्ध में भी यही स्थिति है। सरकार एक तरफ तो किसानों के उत्पादन का दाम अधिक दे और दूसरी तरफ वह कृषि के इम्प्लीमेंट्स तथा जीवनोपयोगी चीजों के दाम कम करे, तभी दामों में कुछ तारतम्य स्थापित हो सकता है।

आज देश भ्रष्टाचार से पीड़ित है यह सबविदित है कि भ्रष्टाचार उपर से आता है, नीच से नहीं। मेरा आग्रह है कि इस सम्बन्ध में जाच समितियां बिठाई जाएं, जिस से ऊपर के भ्रष्टाचार का उन्मूलन करने का रास्ता प्रशस्त किया जा सके। केन्द्र के पश्चात् प्रदेशों के स्तर पर भी जाच समितियां की स्थापना की जाए जिस से भ्रष्टाचारियों को

दंडित किया जा सके और अन्य लोगों को भ्रष्टाचार करने का साहस न हो।

जहां तक छात्रों का सम्बन्ध है, मेरा निवेदन है कि चूंकि उन्होंने इस वर्ष में दो वर्ष लगाए हैं, इस लिए सर्विस में जाने के समय उनको दो वर्ष वनडोल किए जाएं। देश में, और छ सकर बिहार में, जेला से छूटने के बाद उनके एडमिशन में कठिनाई हो रही है। इस लिए सरकार को उन लोगों के एडमिशन की व्यवस्था करनी चाहिए।

बिहार विधान सभा का भंग करने के लिए हर एक प्रजातांत्रिक तरीके से आन्दोलन किया गया था। लाखों लोगों के प्रदर्शन हुए, करोड़ों लोगों ने हस्ताक्षर किए, हड़तान और बन्द का मार्ग अपनाया गया। यह तथ्य है कि बिहार की जनता बिहार विधान सभा को भंग करना चाहती है। बिहार की 54 की 54 सीटों पर कांग्रेसी हार गए हैं। यह इस बात का प्रत्यक्ष प्रमाण है कि बिहार की जनता को वहां की सरकार पर भरोसा नहीं रहा है। इस लिए सरकार से मेरा आग्रह है कि बिहार विधान सभा को अविलम्ब भंग किया जाए।

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola):
Sir, I have been hearing with rapt attention the speeches made by the hon. members from the government side on the Motion of Thanks to the Vice-President acting as President for his Address. Let me say at the outset that although his speech is brief, the basic sentiment expressed by the Vice-President acting as President about consolidating democracy in this country and hoping that a two-party system will emerge is laudable. On economic policy to evolve a policy of decentralisation of agro-rural industry of doing justice to the rural class to the agricultural class, giving them better

price and all that all this is a laudable statement in his Address. The only thing that hurt me in the speech was a little sense of euphoria. That could be seen when in the very first page there was an attempt to condemn generally the previous Government and say that the verdict of the people of this country has gone against (a) proclamation of emergency by itself and (b) 42nd Constitutional Amendment. I beg to submit for your consideration and that of the House whether this analysis is really borne out by the facts. And immediately it is said that in the entire northern belt an avalanche, a flood, an earthquake of resentment, discontent, dissatisfaction and anger of our people went against the Congress because of the excesses committed during the emergency. No one can deny that. And the Congress as our leader has said has to learn a lesson. If we do not, we will never be able to face the people again. So I agree that there has to be an introspection of looking within the heart by the Congress organisation. But when we try to analyse and say that this has been a vote against the proclamation of emergency under those circumstances to which I will come presently then we must remember that proclamation of emergency was for the whole country and not only for north and if the people were against emergency then people will have reacted in a similar manner throughout the country. Remember the other wave 1971 wave to which wave some of my friends like my dear friend Shri Bahuguna was a contributory and beneficiary and so our great leader Babu ji then in that wave on the call of garibi hatao on that promise on that assurance on that hope the entire country had reacted from Kanya kumari to Kashmir from Bombay to Bengal, from Goa to Gauhati the whole country reacted in the same manner except Tamil Nadu where the issue was local and not a national one. That one can say that the reaction of the whole country was the mandate of the whole country. It does not appear

to be that the resentment throughout the nation was against emergency. Some people say that it is against the 42nd Amendment. If that was so the people would have rejected the Congress on the 42nd Amendment throughout the country. But that has not happened. I am not going into percentages. What will be the conclusion? Why has North in such an unanimous manner rejected the Congress? The answer is simple i.e. the excesses committed in the North angered the people so much that it created a disgust in the minds of the people there. That is why it ran through the whole North. Therefore while analyzing the situation unless we have a correct diagnosis of the disease throughout the country we will not be able to provide a proper remedy. So I will plead with my friends on the government side to consider that the resentment is not against the 42nd Amendment by itself as our leader has said. If there are any defects in the 42nd Amendment—e.g. to-day there was a proposition debated—and if you want to come forward with any concrete suggestion which does not militate against the fundamental proposition viz. of supremacy of Parliament we are willing to consider and cooperate. Let us say this very frankly. Our attitude to cooperate with the government is there because we feel and we sincerely hope that here is an opportunity where a democracy of a two-party system can get consolidated. And that is why we are in earnest to cooperate. But for this cooperation the climate must be. This cooperation requires two hands. Cooperation must be on both sides. It is never one-sided. There must be eagerness on the part of the government also to have cooperation. Otherwise when we say "we will cooperate" if you say "Who cares for you?" how can we cooperate?

In the very breath of offering cooperation no one from our side has said "Forget and forgive." I do not know whom you are quoting. I have not known anyone saying "For-
get and forgive."

[Shri Vasant Sathar]

forg and forgive Yet I find speaker after speaker on the other side saying 'No We are not going to forget we are not going to forgive What do you talk of forgiving?' Can we forget the atrocities can we forget those who died in jails can we forget those whom you have shot here in Turaman Gate? We say Please don't forget Therefore don't also forget the past. I would like now to quote something about the attitude of not less, a person—I am thankful that the hon Prime Minister has come just at the right time. I do not want to say something behind his back. When we say don't forget don't forget the attitude of our worthy Prime Minister towards, fringes killings and shoot at night. You Sir will find this in his autobiography volume one page 255—at that time he was the home minister of Bombay State. I quote

During this period, a communist labour union had created a disturbance in Amalner city and the police had resorted to firing while suppressing the disturbance. 8 or 9 persons died during the police firing."

Then in the next paragraph it is stated thus:

"The Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee and its president demanded a public enquiry into the firing at Amalner. The communists and some others had already made such demand."

Another quotation

"If the police whose work on such occasion, was difficult, were not given protection then those who created disturbances would get encouraged and succeed in their mischievous aims. If the police became demoralised it would be almost impossible to control such disturbances. I therefore refused to take any further action in the matter."

The agitation for an enquiry, however continued and the Pradesh Congress Committee obtained the support of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Saheb. Both of them wrote to Balasaheb in this connection. Sardar Saheb had written to say that as many people were asking for a judicial enquiry we should think of getting such an enquiry made and as the police were not at fault at all there was no reason to worry about the results of the enquiry. Balasaheb felt rather worried and asked me what his reply to the leaders should be. I said that there would be only two possible solutions in this matter. He could either write to Delhi that such an enquiry was not proper as it would cause a great deal of damage, or alternatively I could resign and let him make an enquiry."

Then, at the end of this he says

"On receiving this letter, Jawaharlalji and Sardar Saheb informed us that they had no intention of interfering with our right to take decisions in such matters and that they only wanted to tell us what had come to their notice. They, therefore said that they would leave the decision to us."

There were many other unpleasant occasions when firing had to be resorted to while quelling anti government disturbances during my tenure as Home Minister in Bombay State up to 1956. But after this incident the Central Government did not make any suggestion for an independent judicial enquiry."

Then came the famous occasion of Sanyukta Maharashtra Agitation in Bombay and our worthy Prime Minister was then the Chief Minister. In that firing according to him, 84 persons were shot and killed but people say that 160 persons were killed. I will not go into that. But what were the facts? I will quote Shri C. D.

Deshmukh, not known to be biased or partial, progressive or reactionary I am quoting from page 819 of the debates of 25th July 1956, where Shri C D Deshmukh says—

"There is evidence to show that they were instructed by the Chief Minister to shoot at sight and to shoot to kill, that the deliberate use of tear gas before intended firing brought out women and children from their rooms choking for breath, only to be shot down by the indiscriminate firing of the police, using tommy guns, firing several rounds to the second, that there were 2,500 rounds fired, resulting in 80 persons dead and 450 injured, that the police injuries through stones and acid bulbs were insignificant and not contemporaneous with the firing episodes"

I would further like to quote on this very occasion a speech, when an enquiry was asked for, and Shri Morarji persistently refused even to hold a judicial enquiry into those killing, when the matter was raised in this House, when Shri V N Gadgil had spoken on this subject. I am quoting from page 468 of the debates of 21st February, 1956

I quote

"When I read this morning that the Chief Minister stated that there was a plan to overthrow the Government and to take the city by force, though he has not named by whom, I felt it was a serious statement. If that is true, then in the interest of the public and in the interest of the future of this country, it is necessary, that an enquiry by, or presided over by, the highest judicial authority in this country should be instituted"

Then he further goes on to say—

"Now, was there a real plan? If there was a plan, when did the

great Chief Minister of Bombay discover it? If he discovered it after the incidents took place, then surely it is no testimony to the efficiency of his police"

Further on, he says

"In his second statement, he has said that there has been no indiscriminate firing. I have here a newspaper, the copies of which have been, so far as I know, taken possession of by the police in Bombay, and in which the names of 69 persons occur and a description is given as to how they received these wounds. Out of these 69, the Lok Sabha will be surprised to know that 23 are non-Maharashtrians. There are Sikhs, Gujaratis, Marwaris and there are people from other communities. The nature of the wounds and the place of the body on which the wounds have been received have also been mentioned. The wounds have been received from the eye to the toe. They have received wounds while on the street while they were in the room and while they were on the terrace. They range from a boy of 14 to an old lady of 64"

Therefore when you say "don't forget", we also say to you "don't forget"

If a Chief Minister feels that there is danger of a city being taken over and therefore he can order shooting at sight indiscriminate shooting by the police, killing people who can never go back to their families as the 14-year old boy, then if there is danger felt to the whole country, to the Capital. (Interruptions) The Prime Minister is going to reply at 3 O'Clock. Have some patience.

The assessment of the previous Prime Minister might have been completely wrong. You can make that allegation. I am not questioning your right. All I am saying is that when allegations of *mala fides* were made

[Sri Vasant Sathe]

against him he held his ground saying that he thought that there was danger to the city and therefore they resorted to firing. I think he will stand by that action, unless he has changed his mind.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) I have not

SHRI VASANT SATHE I know you will not, you said it at a public meeting also

Can you in the same breath, say when a call is given at a rally of five lakhs at Ram Lila Maidan to people to go and surround the house of the Prime Minister

SHRI MORARJI DESAI That is wrong.

SHRI VASANT SATHE and asking the police and the army to disobey what they consider to be unlawful orders (Interruptions)

Yesterday when Mr George Fernandes was speaking we kept quiet. Now you should have at least the courage and courtesy to hear me. You may not agree with me. If the police and the army should not obey orders which they at least considered as unlawful, who will decide? (Interruptions) I asked the great leader Morarji Bhargava who was also the Home Minister who was to decide about it. Can the police decide about the order given by the superiors as illegal? If when he gave his order to the police to shoot at sight in Bombay were the police to say that they would disobey it could he have agreed? We must have some standard. Here was a situation in the country in the background of what had happened in Gujarat where the elected legislators were forced out in the name of some samiti. This was followed by burning rails and disturbing meetings by throwing stones. I myself have been a victim of stone throwing in Gujarat. I would have been killed but for the fact that

that store just missed the mark. (Interruptions) I therefore submit for your kind consideration that this was the background of the action on 25th. The background of the situation under which action was taken on 25th which was rejected by the people has no bearing for emergency as such. It was for the excesses committed in a particular part. That is a fact and we agree. Now I come to our great leader Shri George Fernandes (Interruptions)

In Madras while speaking on March 27, 1974 Shri George Fernandes exhorted railway men

SHRI MORARJI DESAI May I know what is the time limit? (Interruptions)

SHRI VASANT SATHE Shri Raj Narain spoke for about two hours. Shri George Fernandes also spoke for some time. You cannot give me 30 minutes? (Interruptions)

I will quote this and then finish. (Interruptions)

SHRI S. KUNDU (Balsore) On a point of order

SHRI VASANT SATHE You quote the rule under which you rise to a point of order

SHRI S. KUNDU I draw your kind attention to (Interruptions)

I am raising a point of order (Interruptions)

SHRI VASANT SATHE He must formulate a point of order

MR. CHAIRMAN You have already finished your speech (Interruptions) Therefore he cannot raise the point of order now

SHRI S. KUNDU The Janata Party will give maximum opportunity to the members of the opposition to speak here. The Janta Party is proud that the right to speak is restored to them.

I want to say one thing What I have been observing from yesterday is that when you are in the Chair, sometimes I find that some people speak for 45 minutes to an hour Today the Deputy Speaker specifically gave the ruling that no Member should speak for more than 5 or 6 minutes so that most of the Members could be covered I find the hon Member Mr Sathe is speaking for quite some time Sometimes he is quite irrelevant You are giving him so much time (Interruptions)

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Ch rayin kil) Let them study the rules first and then raise points of order It is our time, it is not their time (Interruptions)

SHRI VASANT SATHE I am concluding

I was quoting Mr George Fernandes He said,

'Realise the strength which you possess Seven days strike of the Indian Railways will cause every thermal station in the country to close down A ten days strike of the Indian Railways—every steel mill in India would close down and the industries in the country will come to a halt for the next 12 months If once the steel mill furnace is switched off it takes 9 months to re-fire A 15-day strike in the Indian Railways—the country will starve'

Then, in an interview with "Der Spiegel" published in its issue of 12th April 1976 Mr George Fernandes admitted that he had built up an underground organisation and that his supporters were engaged in sabotage and other subversive activities He said

"I am totally in favour of violence against thugs In November last, in the Union State of Karnataka alone, we had caused derailment of 52 trains We have created some unrest."

He continued to say.

"All forms of struggle including satyagrahas, strikes, sabotage, guerrilla action is legitimate."

This was the belief They wanted to paralyse the transport, create situation similar to one which was created in Chile and bring about the collapse of the Government You know what happened in Delhi after this and whose hand was behind With a situation similar to that of Bangladesh, what democracy would have survived in this country? Therefore I would say, don't forget and don't forgive, let us not concentrate on the basic reconstruction of this country, don't do all this all that you have to do now is to keep on harping on one thing—Atrocities Atrocities

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[KUMARI ABHA MAITI in the Chair]

I congratulate you, Madam. At least one lady here could take the Chair. In the light of the attitude of Mr Morarji Desai who reiterated to the ladies today that he does not consider any woman worthy of holding any high office I don't know how you are there'

MR CHAIRMAN Please come to your point

SHRI VASANT SATHE I am coming to it

I will be very happy when the Janata Party comes into existence Today there is no Janata Party Today the Janata Party is an embryo it is still in conception A conception of 19 months in jail is a good conception. And now, you have also named the baby which is yet to be born. We don't know whether this baby, the Janata Party, will be a girl or boy, but we are very happy

MR CHAIRMAN You have taken more than half an hour (Interruptions)

SHRI VASANT SATHE There is nobody else from my side, I am the only one. The Prime Minister is to reply at 3 O'clock so there are still fifteen minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN But there are others yet to speak.

SHRI VASANT SATHE I have only one point more.

The Janata Party is yet to be born. I wish it will be a good and healthy baby. Because of the type of people who have come together I am not sure whether the Janata Party is really going to be born at all. Therefore, I offer all my good wishes to the Prime Minister to have this baby and to have this Party. I hope you will concentrate hereafter on constructive side and not keep on repeating 'nineteen months of atrocities and forget all your own atrocities of the past. Everyone has skeletons in the cupboard including my friend Mr. Patnaik. Therefore don't harp on these things. It does not pay. Concentrate now on construction and cooperation. (Interruptions)

I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak.

SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI (Gauhati) Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Motion of Thanks that has been so ably moved by my hon. friend, Shri Karpuri Thakur, and also equally ably supported by my hon. friend, Shri Hegde. I am sure that all sections of the House will join with me and support me when I say that the Acting President's Address was delivered after the most momentous election that we had since the independence of our country. The election which we have just had was an election which we should remember. The Opposition as well as the ruling Party feel that the election is free and fair only if both sides get equal op-

portunity for mobilising public opinion, for placing before the people their policies and programmes for public scrutiny. But in this election, the Congress Party had done whatever they could. The abrupt and sudden announcement of the election put the Opposition in trouble. The sudden detention of hundreds and thousands of people as political prisoners put us in trouble. But actually what we have seen is that, in this election, the people have given their massive verdict against the Congress Party.

The other day when Mr. Chavan, Leader of the Opposition, was speaking in the House—I heard him with great respect and expectation—he was telling us that the Congress had learnt its lessons. But his very speech bore testimony to the fact that the Congress has learnt nothing from the stunning repudiation with which they have been removed from power. He said that this repudiation and failure of the Congress Party was because of Emergency, that the people did not like the Emergency. Mr. Sathe was also telling us that it was because of the excesses of Emergency that Congress had been removed from power in northern India. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Chavan, was telling us that it was because of Emergency and that was why the Congress ended the Emergency. It has amused me. I would like to ask my hon. friend whether the Congress ended the Emergency of its own accord or they had no option but to end the Emergency in the face of the massive verdict of the electorate when they were thrown out from power. That is why, they ended the Emergency. They waited till the moment Shrimati Indira Gandhi was defeated in the election then only, they ended the Emergency. It amused me very much when Mr. Chavan wanted credit for ending the Emergency. He is now Leader of the Opposition. I know him very well. We have worked together for 15 or 16 years, Mr. Morarji Desai, Mr. Chavan and some of us of this side were all in the Unit-

ed Congress Mr Chavan said afterwards that Emergency was not a part of the Congress tradition. I did not know that the hon. Leader of the Opposition could use this type of euphemistic phraseology. He was never using such a phraseology earlier, his language used to be very simple straightforward and truthful. But now he has started using euphemistic phraseology—Emergency is not a part of the Congress tradition. Why? Is it because he wanted to cover up the enormous guilt of his party? Is that the reason why he has used this euphemistic phraseology? We all know what Mrs Indira Gandhi and her Government were doing during the Emergency. Mr Sathe was telling us 'oday that Emergency was not repudiated all over India because many Members from the South have got elected from Congress tickets there was no uniformity all over India. Mr Chavan wanted to tell us that they were not responsible for Emergency it came as a dark cloud on the sky and went off on its own as if the Congress Party had no responsibility as if Mr Chavan, Mr Sathe, Mr Brahmananda Reddy and Mr Hitendra Desai had no responsibility for the declaration of the Emergency.

SHRI VASANT SATHE Who said?

SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI You have said it.

SHRI VASANT SATHE I never said that. We accept the responsibility for Emergency. But the verdict of the people is not against Emergency *per se* (Interruptions).

SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI Shri Chavan tried to give an impression as if he and his party had no responsibility in declaring the Emergency as if he and his party had no responsibility in permitting an individual to cling to power as if he and his party had no responsibility in removing the right of the highest organs of the judiciary to examine whether the declaration of the Emer-

gency was warranted in public interest, for the preservation and of the security or integrity of our country, as if he and his party were not responsible in snuffing out our fundamental rights in arresting and detaining hundreds of thousands of citizens from all professions and walks of life, as if he and his party were not responsible for lawless laws that would have put even the worst of dictatorship to shame as if he and his party were not responsible in snuffing out the freedom of the press and trying to convert all mass media into instruments for the suppression of truth and the propagation of falsehood, for the propagation of the personality cult and the cult of the dynasty as if he and his party were not responsible for subjecting hundreds of innocent non violent dissenters including women and children to brutal and inhuman torture as if he and his party were not responsible in snuffing out the rights of the trade unions as if he and his party were not responsible for eroding the role of the judiciary to afford protection to the rights of the citizens for legislating to put a person above the law and for eroding the Rule of Law. In short Shri Chavan wanted to give an impression as if he and his party were not responsible for concentrating all power in the hands of an individual and extra-constitutional coterie of courtiers and heir-apparents. They wanted to give an impression that Congressmen had nothing to do with all these things but in fact they are responsible for all these things. Hundreds and thousands of people were put behind the bars and it disturbed the normal lives of many people. Shri Reddy was the Home Minister then. Can he tell us what for those people were arrested and put behind the bars? Tell us why I was arrested. What was the crime that I had committed.

The Congress Party was in power for thirty years. The people have given a massive verdict now in favour of Janata Party. We have now come

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to power with a massive mandate of the people. The people have asked us to form a Government and they want a clean administration. It is through a silent revolution that they have sent us to power. We hope that the Government formed by our Party will be loyal to the objectives for which we have been returned to this House.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) Madam Chairman while replying to the debate on the President's Address I would like to take care to see that I am not provoked into using a language which was used by my hon friend Shri Sathe or even by the hon the Leader of the Opposition. I do not want to set a wrong example from this side of the House. But, if members of the Opposition make provocative speeches and if replies are given to those speeches by members on this side I do not think that there can be any legitimate cause for complaint. It would only be proper if neither this side nor that side uses any derogatory language against anybody or nobody makes incharitable remarks which are not consistent with anybody's self respect. That is what I would beg of all the members of this House to do. I hope I will not fail in setting an example in this matter.

I was therefore pained to hear the Leader of the Opposition comparing Janata Party to a strange animal. I wish he had not used those words. I do not want to retaliate. We are all strange animals in one sense. Ultimately we belong to the animal species. But man is different from an animal in the sense that man has more discretion and intelligence which animals do not have. But if we forget that, then we relapse into animal terminology. I hope that will not be done in the future. That is all I beg of him to do.

I was also surprised because even in spite of his experience of many years as a member of the government that he should have used such language. The new experience he is now having of sitting on the Opposition Benches for the first time in his life is rich experience which I had some time ago and by which I benefited and I am sure he will also benefit but it will take some time for him and his colleagues because they are not very easily corrigible. They do not follow the system of self-inspection. That is where the difficulty comes in. I hope they will do so now. Then the improvement will be quick. But who am I to improve them? It is not for me to do that. It is for them to think about it.

But I was surprised when he said that nothing was said in the President's Address about the economic programme. I do not know whether he cared to hear it or to read it afterwards. We have very clearly stated what the policy of government will be in regard to economic programmes. Does he realise that we hardly got even 2 days to prepare the Address after assumption of office and in that did he expect that we formulate detailed programmes? I do not know if he has the capacity. At least I do not have it. But we have mentioned what requires to be done and what we are going to do. We will be judged only by what we do in future and we will certainly welcome all criticism in this matter if we fail in our undertaking and we will not try to retaliate as they are trying to do. And yet it is said that we are retaliating. Where are we retaliating? At least I have not done so. I was surprised when my hon friend Shri Sathe or rather I should not be surprised because I know him very well.

I have never heard anything else from him in this House during the years he was here and I was on the other side. What he referred to had

happened 21 years ago. He is not bothered about what happened 21 months ago but he does not mind mentioning and repeating ad nauseam what happened 21 years ago. I have replied to him in this very House from the Opposition Benches and let him refresh his memory from the records of this debate. I will not therefore reply him here. I have said what I have to say not on one occasion but on several occasions and still he goes on repeating these matters after 21 years in the knowledge that he is not distorting facts.

He quotes from my autobiography. I am very happy that he did so for the honour of reading it at any rate. But I am sorry that he has only looked at some controversial points which have little relevance here and he did not have the courtesy to read the whole thing together. Apart from that it would be wrong for me to say that he mis-appropriated the time of the House. He went on speaking even though the Chair asked him to cut short his speech. But then he objected to other people interjecting whereas some Member on this side spoke he began to interject. Is that the way how he will set a good example? May I request him to have more patience now as he is in the Opposition. I could not restrain him before nor do I wish to restrain him now. It is difficult for anybody to restrain him. Even it was not possible for Mrs. Gandhi to restrain him when he spoke from this side. I know that he spoke anything that he liked. Let him do as he will hurt him. It does not hurt me. But in this House if I do like-wise will not somebody be justified in paying me back in the same coin? How would I complain about that? But he goes on complaining about us.

SHRI VASANT SATHE I quoted facts. I quoted from the debate.

SHRI MORARJI DESAI I do not know whether my hon. friend has any regard for facts. Does he ever bother about facts? I do not know.

SHRI VASANT SATHE You said, "Do not forget? Let memories be sharp."

SHRI MORARJI DESAI Now he is getting excited like that. He complains about people having been shot in Bombay. I had said he does not bother about facts. That is all right. Why restrain him if he does not wish to restrain himself?

Does he realise that in Bombay all the Members of my party the majority of whom were Maharashtrians, never raised a protest before me about what had happened in all those years. Was that not a sufficient support for what had happened? He was nowhere at that time. Twenty years ago I do not know what he was and what he was doing. Let him learn a lesson from that as also from the leader of the Opposition. Let him ask him whether he had told me that I had done wrong. Then he will be justified in saying what he is saying. Therefore what I did at that time was not done without pain. But I was forced to do that. That is the police were forced to do it. It was not that I went and gave orders. Of course it is true that if I had said that no police man would have fired. Then no one should have fired. That is true.

I do not deny that responsibility. But what had happened then? The whole of the Bombay city would have been finished. Nothing else would have remained in Bombay city if it had not been done. Who did it? It was done by the Maharashtrian officers. It was not done by anybody else.

See what happened in Delhi. Who burnt it? Who bulldozed it? It was the Administration of the past Government which did it. I do not want to say that the former Prime Minister did it. I do not know who did it. But it was done in her regime. Therefore, that regime has to be blamed. The buildings were bulldozed without any

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proper notice. Notice of a few hours! Is that the way to deal with the people? Have I ever dealt with like that? I am sorry my hon. friend tries to compare these happenings with the happenings of emergency Delhi was burning. How did it happen?

I am glad he recognised it that there was a meeting attended by five lakhs of people. Of course the police report at that time was that it was attended by only 50,000. I am glad that that knowledge has dawned on him today that they were 5 lakhs. But what does that show? That shows the feelings of the people and the feelings of those who attended otherwise they would not have attended it. We were not in Government. We were non-officials. How would people have come there? We had no money to bring them in trucks. They came on their own and they heard us patiently. And it is objected to on the ground that we declared Satyagraha there. Does he understand what Satyagraha means? I don't know whether he has ever practised Satyagraha. I don't know whether he is capable of practising Satyagraha. Satyagraha does not mean that any force can be used by anybody. I would be the last person to do it. If anybody were to do it I would certainly protest about it. He referred to Gujarat happenings. Who were responsible for those happenings? It is these Congress people, not the opposition, who have encouraged them and gave money to the young people. Who protested about it? I protested and said that they should never do any wrong thing and if they persisted then I will have to sacrifice my life. And it was therefore that I undertook a fast to stop violence and to stop other things also.

15.11 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

Therefore it is not for my learned friend to advise me. I only hope he

takes a lesson from this. That is all that I hope. I do not know whether my hope is too much. At any rate one could hope for the best and be prepared for the worst!

Let us not, in our anxiety to defend the indefensible, say things which unnecessarily cause repercussions. When he said that people were fired upon like that, does he realise that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru phoned to me that very evening when the riot started in Bombay and asked me to call the military to call the tanks but asked me to finish it as quickly as I can. I told him, I am very sorry. I won't call the military. If I had called the military the casualties would have been five times of what they were and the people would have lost their morale. I did not want to use maximum force. I wanted to have minimum force. I told him that if I was not able to control it in two days I would resign and get out of Government but I will not call the military. This is what I had told him. Therefore please be careful about what you say.

After all I would not find fault with any Government if they meet violence with force. I would not find fault with any Government for that matter. I would not find fault with the post Government. Government has to use force to suppress violence. I have always said that I will say it even now. But when there is no violence why should force be used? I cannot understand this. These are the standing instructions. They were the standing instructions when I was there and even now when I am here.

There was a strike going in Madras the other day soon after we took charge. The Governor phoned to me. They said, they are doing dharnas, not allowing people to do their work. I told him if they do it and there is no violence don't use any force, no tear gas, no lathi-charge. You can arrest them and prosecute them. These are the instructions which I gave. These

are the Instructions of this Government

But if some State Governments which are not under our control do something I will not be responsible for it. But we will certainly take action to see that that does not happen. That I can certainly assure you.

Then the hon. the leader of the Opposition said—that we had not mentioned any programme. I would refer him on to page 3 from the second paragraph onwards. The programme has been given. But, does he expect that we can spell it out immediately? Did they spell it out their Twenty-point programme? They only said twenty-points and like mantras they went on repeating all the while and nothing was spelt out. I have no objection to any of them (Interruptions). They said twenty-five and then it became twelve in their manifesto. That is the tragedy of it. What is the use of saying all these? I have gone into it very deeply. I do not neglect whatever comes from you. I want to benefit from it if I can. That is all I would like to add.

Therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would only beg my friends to have more patience in this matter and not to compare the Janta party to a strange animal. I hope more restraint will be observed in future. That is all I expect. If it does not, I shall go on using restraint from my side. That I can assure him. We have started implementing our professions and the Leader of the Opposition will be broadcasting to the nation to-day. He did not ask for it. We have requested him to do it. Is that not true?

This is what we are going to do. Indeed I have mentioned and I can assure my hon. friend Sri Sathe also that if he has any complaint about any administrative actions resulting in any oppression, I would request him to tell me. I can assure him that all grievances capable of redress would be looked into. That is the attitude of this Government in the matter of law and

order in the matter of economic order, in the matter of social order and in the matter of administration. We have mentioned all these things. But we cannot put details into that address. That is what ought to be appreciated. They wish that the Janta party will break up—this is what the Leader of the Opposition said that the Janta party will break up in no time and that it cannot last. If wishes were horses, then everybody will ride on them. It is not possible. As a matter of fact it is the wrong desire that leads to the down-fall of the people. That has happened. That is the tragedy of it.

Let us take a lesson from it and not have wrong desires. After all, how will it benefit the Opposition? If he thinks that the two-party system should function and if it is good for democracy, should we not wish that this should last? If you defeat this party legitimately when the occasion comes, I will not resist. Even if they so desire the Jan. party will not break up. I do not know what will happen in the future. But I only hope and trust that this wish will not be fulfilled. This will not benefit him at all. He said that they have been defeated. It is true that the people declared themselves against the emergency and therefore they had been defeated. If we had not won, then how are we here? I do not know if the people did not prefer us to them, how would we have got the votes? I cannot understand this, which is such a simple matter. I never thought that he was not using his commonsense in this matter. I am afraid if his desire is to see that the Janta party goes out, he will be in possession of office. This is an indiscreet statement. That is all I can say.

Sir, as long as the Jan. Party is in Government, we will see to it that we will establish democratic traditions by our behaviour, not by asking other people to do it. If our performance falls short of the expectations, I shall be thankful to the leader of the opposi-

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tion to point it out to me or for that matter any member of the opposition can point that out to me so that we can improve upon it. No man is wise enough not to learn from others. And that was the fault committed by the previous government. That was the fault committed and I may be pardoned if I say by the then Prime Minister. If that had not happened then all that happened would not have happened. But whatever happened is for the best in my view. If sufferings come they come to chastise us. And it is then that we can improve. Even three years ago I told my friend that what is happening is for the good of the country. This country would not have learnt a lesson until it suffered. We got freedom very easily because of Mahatma Gandhi. I have always felt that we did not pay a sufficient price and therefore, this country did not realise the value of freedom. We had to pay a price. We have paid that price during the last twenty months and I hope we will not have to pay a further price now. At any rate we will see to it that we will not extract any price from the Opposition. Let me assure the Opposition. That is not our intention to do so. If any price is to be paid we will pay it but we will not make others pay it. That will be our attitude in this matter. What do we want? I am quite sure our aims are common. I do not doubt that they also want to see that this country becomes great, happy, strong and to help the human society to be happy. That is our aim. I am quite sure the aims are common. But aims may be anything. Unless the means are pure nothing can be free from blemish. That is what the Father of the Nation taught us. It is possible that we will make mistakes. After all, we are not angels nor can we say that we have no faults. All have faults. But let us not try to take advantage of faults of each other but try to help each other in removing them. If we do that, I am quite sure the future of the country is very good. I have no doubt that it has been my faith for years that

this country cannot go down. It is bound to go up and become happy and in the terms of Mahatma Gandhi, it would establish "Ram Raj". If that happens in this country then we will be able to be of some service to the world in creating those conditions by our example. We do not have to advise other people or to give sermons to other people. It is enough if we serve ourselves by promoting peace and goodwill in the world. Well, that will be our foreign policy. Of course, there is difference in the foreign policy of non-alignment. Non-alignment must be there. It is not a policy which is in doubt but sometimes aberrations enter in that policy. We will try to see that aberrations will not come. That is all that we can say. I don't say that formerly aberrations had come deliberately or by mischief. That is not my contention at all. But I would say that in human efforts sometimes weaknesses do come. We have got to guard against them and that is what we are trying to learn by experience.

Non-alignment can be practised only if there is freedom from fear and fortunately this country passed through such fears in the last twenty months that I can never compare this condition to any other conditions in the history of this country. But we have got to live it down. We have got now to see that such fear does not recur again in this country. We must have freedom from fear in this country.

Otherwise we will not grow at all. If anything has plagued us in this country, it is this fear which has plagued us and it is that which comes in the way of development on all sides. Unless we are able to restore this freedom from fear in this country, all our efforts at development are not going to succeed and in that common endeavour of removing that fear I would appeal to my friends in the Opposition to help us in seeing that fear is removed from the minds of the people at large. But that can happen only when we ourselves shed fear. We are not afraid if we have to go out of this Government. That was the

fear from which the past government suffered It was therefore that emergency came otherwise emergency would not have come And my friend the Leader of the Opposition has said that this was a vote against emergency Can there be a greater criticism of it than that? And who had supported the Emergency very strongly? He himself But I suppose he was not free to do otherwise It is that freedom which we want to restore to everybody not only here but to all of you. This is what we would like to do There will be no democracy unless there is freedom from fear and it is this which we have got to restore and everything that we have will be directed towards that end

Therefore I want my hon friend Shri Sathe to be free from fear But I also want him to be free from bravado Bravado does not give fearlessness It brings for him more fear Therefore may I suggest to him to see this If he does not wish to see it, I shall have no quarrel with him I have not considered him as anything but a friend I know that when I was in the Opposition benches he was talking to me very freely But when it came to speaking here he spoke in a different language Now this is what we ought to avoid I know he will want to say one thing and then say another thing Even now in his speech here I saw that He respects me and also condemns me Both things are done

SHRI VASANT SATHE Is it not freedom from fear?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI This is not freedom from fear This is freedom from truth. Therefore let us be more careful about it We ought to be more careful about it that there should be fearlessness in practising truth If that is not realised, I am afraid we will never acquire freedom from fear

I do not want Sir, to take up time of this honourable House because I do not see there was much criticism of what is done because there is not much done yet Things are being done Therefore how can there be much criticism? The criticism is only in the air and I have nothing to reply about it I have only to appeal to my hon friends to see that we work together in cooperation That does not mean that they should not criticise us We welcome every criticism that you make But let us make in such a manner that we don't hurt each other That is all my request Sir Thank you

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Now no question will be replied

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arkonam) I am on my legs Sir

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER You may be on your legs but on what? If it is a point of order you could have said 'point of order'

SHRI O V ALAGESAN I am going to ask the Government to give a categorical assurance that they will continue the work of the Sarkaria Commission Will the Prime Minister be pleased to say something on it? That is what I want

SHRI MORARJI DESAI May I say Sir, that the Sarkaria Commission's work is going on? It is not complete and I cannot take any definite action unless that is complete and I have requested Mr. Sarkaria to complete his work as soon as it is possible and he has said that he will do it in four months

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER Now some amendments have been moved to the Motion of Thanks I will put all these amendments to vote together unless any hon Member wants that any of the particular amendments should be put separately

[Mr Deputy Speaker]

I shall now put all the amendments together to the vote of the House

All* the amendments were put and negatived.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER The question is

"That an Address be presented to the Vice President acting as President in the following terms —

"That the Members of Lok Sabha assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Vice-President acting as President for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 28th March 1977

The motion was adopted

15.31 hrs

STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE CONTINUANCE IN FORCE OF THE PROCLAMATION IN RESPECT OF TAMIL NADU

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHIRAN SINGH)

SIR I beg to move

"That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 in respect of Tamil Nadu issued under Article 356 of the Constitution by the President, for a further period of one year with effect from the 10th March 1977

As Hon'ble Members may be aware the Proclamation under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of Tamil Nadu was issued by the President on

31st January, 1976 This was done in pursuance of a report received from the Governor of Tamil Nadu in which grave allegations of corruption and mal administration were also made against the Government headed by Shri Karunanidhi. The President's Rule was again extended for a period of six months in September, 1976 by another Resolution of the Parliament. Before the expiry of the last extension the previous Government moved a Resolution in the Rajya Sabha on 1-3-1977 for the continuance of President's Rule in that State for a further period of one year with effect from 10th March 1977 which also was accorded approval. The legal position is that as the resolution for extension of Proclamation has been passed by Rajya Sabha for the continuance of President's Rule, a resolution by Lok Sabha to the same effect is necessary within 30 days of its 1st sitting after re constitution.

According to the amended provisions of article 356(4) of the Constitution of India the period of extension of President's Rule now stands raised to one year This is however only an enabling provision because the Proclamation in this regard can be revoked at any earlier time I do not wish to go into the merits of imposing President's Rule in Tamil Nadu nor into the justification for extending it indefinitely Our Government is committed to restoring normalcy and early popular rule in the States under President's Rule

Honble Members would bear with me that it is not possible to revoke the Proclamation without holding Elections in the State since that would mean an administrative vacuum It will be the endeavour of Government to have elections in Tamil Nadu in the course of next few months I would, therefore request the House to pass the Resolution for continuance

of President's Rule for a period of one year, so that administration could continue to function till a popular Government is in position

With these words Sir, I commend the Resolution for approval of this House

MR CHAIRMAN Resolution moved

"That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation dated the 31st January 1976 in respect of Tamil Nadu issued under article 356 of the Constitution by the President for a further period of one year with effect from the 10th March 1977"

1534 hrs

[KUMARI ABIHA MAITI in the Chair]

SHRI P KANNAN (Salem)
Madam Chairman President's rule in Tamil Nadu is being extended but the people of Tamilnadu want an early poll I should request the concerned Ministers to hold early elections because we should like the same results now as we have got here We also want that there should be no withdrawal of any case Chargesheets and trials are pending in courts in Tamil Nadu against some of the Ministers and MPs All corrupt persons should be brought to trial I request the Central government not to withdraw any case This is what was done in respect of Mr George Fernandes and Shri Subramaniam Swamy This Government should assure us that there will be no interference in judicial matters, in fact they assured the people that they would not do so but the first act done by the Janta Government was to withdraw those cases I do not think that they are doing justice to the judiciary We want no interference with the judiciary and we told the Congress Party government and Mrs Indira Gandhi also that they should not do so But the very first act of this government was to withdraw

those cases It is for the judiciary to give verdict that Shri George Fernandes and Shri Subramaniam Swamy were innocent or not If they are proved innocent, then it is well and good But it is for the judiciary to come to the conclusion whether they are innocent or not If it is not for the executive to decide this Because these two gentlemen happened to be elected on Janta Party ticket should the cases against them be withdrawn? There are thousands of cases against innocent and poor persons in other parts of the country But those cases have not been considered by the present Government Let not the withdrawal of cases against Mr George Fernandes and Shri Subramaniam Swamy as happened at the Centre be repeated in Tamil Nadu where there are cases against the erstwhile Chief Minister and other Ministers, because you have won three seats in Tamil Nadu in alliance with the DMK I do not think that you will get even one seat in Tamil Nadu State Assembly Elections if the cases against the persons belonging to DMK were to be withdrawn The desire of the Tamil Nadu people is not to withdraw the cases against them The Sarkaria Commission has given findings on 7 charges Action must be taken against the persons and they should be punished Action should also be taken on other cases that are pending trial After the President's rule in Tamil Nadu, all the labourers have been paid Wages the bonded labourers have been released and rescued during the Congress regime under the leadership of Shrimati Indira Gandhi The hill tribes have got the benefits by way of implementing the 20-Point programme in Tamil Nadu All the cases that were not detected during the previous Government have been detected and discovered during the President's rule The Statewide sensational case called the Poolavari double murder case—where a father and his son were murdered—in which Mr Karunanidhi was involved was not pursued Mr Karunanidhi

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screened the offenders but the case was treated as undetected. We gave a petition to the Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi, when she visited Tamil Nadu. At the instance special police were deputed to detect the case. Now the case has been detected and the persons responsible were chargesheeted in which the District DMK Secretary is an accused. The people of Tamil Nadu desire that the proceedings and pending trials should continue and they should not be withdrawn as has been done in the cases of Shri George Fernandes and Shri Subramaniam Swamy. Proceedings of the pending cases against all the DMK Ministers and others should not be stopped. We will be supporting the Centre for all progressive measures that they may take otherwise we will not be supporting your Government.

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arkonam) Madam Chairman, I welcome this Resolution because it is to fill the gap in the present difficult situation. The question is as the elections cannot be held here and now President's rule has to be extended. As per the Resolution brought forward by the Home Minister President's rule is to be extended for one year. But I am glad that the Minister has clarified that it does not mean that the President's rule will go on for one more year and the elections would be held as soon as possible. In this connection I would like to say that I have heard the Prime Minister's broadcast to the nation yesterday. It was a welcome one and it was marked by wisdom and humility. It looks to me that he is a changed man now. He has to live down several of his past reputations. I think he will be slowly doing it which can be inferred from the way he took back his comments that he made on women in general and from what he said on the radio yesterday. I hope he has changed. We are interested in seeing that the trends of change taking place

in him are strengthened. Recognising the inherent lacuna in the geographical distribution of seats won by the Janata Party in the last election he has hastened to assure the people of the south that he will be considerate towards them and see that their interests are safe in his hands. He claimed that his is a national government and no segment of the population will feel orphaned. This is a welcome assurance taking a realistic view of the results of the election unlike some Janata members who fell foul with us when we pointed out that very fact. But mere assurance is not enough. Government should think of some institutional arrangements and spell them out so that the above assurance is translated into suitable action. He has also assured the State Governments that he will be even handed in dealing with them and also he will not indulge in securing defections or toppling State Administrations. This is also a welcome statement of policy.

But what do we find? Already at party level and governmental level efforts have started to secure the defection of the All India DMK from its electoral alliance with the Congress, CPI and Muslim League and get it attached to an alliance with the Janata Party. The leader of All India DMK in Parliament is being wooed. The General Secretary of the All India DMK, Shri M. G. Ramachandran is being pursued and passionately wooed because the realisation has dawned on the Janata Party that when they clubbed themselves with the DMK in the last elections it was an embrace of death. Now they want to retrieve the situation by aligning themselves with the All India DMK. Is this not an effort at defection? On the other hand, the DMK leader is rather afraid and he is giving a hot chase to the Janata Party so that he may retain their friendship so that he may get a few more seats in the Assembly election tomorrow. But I think the

Janata Party has learnt its lesson and will not have any more truck with the DMK. Even on the eve of the last election we do not know whether this alliance was struck on the initiative of the local leadership or whether the local leadership was over-ruled by the All India leadership and they were advised to have this alliance. But let us wait and see whether the Prime Minister keeps his promise and refrains from weaning the All India ADMK away from its present stand or tries to force that party into an alliance with the Janata.

The Prime Minister has also said that an autonomous machinery to probe charges of corruption or misuse of office at all levels is proposed to be established. The statement is not quite clear. The other day the Home Minister said he will have three separate enquiries conducted into Maruti Nagarwala episode and charges against the former Defence Minister Shri Bansi Lal. I want to know whether the Prime Minister's statement supersedes that of the Home Minister or whether the autonomous body is an addition to the bodies mentioned by the Home Minister. This may be made clear.

Again I am thankful to the Prime Minister for giving a categorical assurance on the floor of the House that the Sarkaria Commission of Enquiry will be continued. I wanted to have such a categorical assurance because the term of the Commission came to an end on 1st February this year. So unless the term of the Commission is extended it will not be possible for it to go into the other allegations made against the erstwhile DMK Chief Minister and the erstwhile DMK Ministers. If I heard the Prime Minister might he said that he had asked Mr Sarkaria to complete the enquiry within a period of four months. I would like to submit that the time that is allowed to Mr

Sarkaria is not enough. Of the total allegations Mr Sarkaria chose 28 and it took one year for the Commission to complete enquiry into seven allegations. Now there are 21 more allegations and they are very important and very complicated. I would like to read these 21 allegations. They are

- 1 Mekala pictures 2 Anjukom Pictures 3 Gopalapuram House 4 Anjukam Pathi pakam—Murasoli 5 Sons house Tiruvarur 6 Dharma 7 Valdyalingam 8 Veeranam That is a project to bring drinking water to the city of Madras from Veeranam lake Crores of rupees have been swallowed in that 9 JKK Angappa Chettiar 10 Sarma yannallur Power Station 11 Sugar scandal 12 V S T Mudaliar 13 Amirtham 13 Kodai Palam Road 14 Private Trusts 15 Arbil Dhar malingam 16 Aditanur Vellandu Bank 17 Trade Union 18 Intimidation of Press 19 Misuse of State machinery for party 20 Police excesses 21 Sakthi Pipes

These are the 21 allegations that are yet to be enquired into by Mr Sarkaria. So to say that Mr Sarkaria should complete his enquiry into all these allegations which are very complicated and which are having ramifications within that short period of time within that short period of year to enquire into only 7 allegations I would submit is not realistic. I do not want the Government to ask Mr Sarkaria to hasten with the enquiry. I want that Mr Sarkaria should be given more time so that he completes the enquiry. Now it is for the Government to take action.

I entirely agree with the Prime Minister that discipline should not be imposed from outside but it should be self-discipline. That is what Gandhiji had said. I would be excused if I say

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that it was the Janta Party which was responsible for creating conditions of indiscipline in the country which brought about the then much needed emergency. Now emergency has been lifted. Several things have happened in the State of Tamil Nadu after the lifting of emergency and I would like the Government to take note of them because they are straws in the wind. There was a bus strike to which the Hon Prime Minister made a reference while replying to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President for his Address. I do concede that the workers employed in the transport corporation may have had pent up grievances. But what happened is this one driver was transferred from one depot in the city of Madras to another and immediately there was a strike. Thousands of students who had to write their examinations were inconvenienced. Many more thousands of others going to offices and other places were inconvenienced. People were talking in the streets that this was the first taste of the Janata government. I do not decry anybody. I am only pointing out that these are straws in the wind. The bus strike provided a certain amount of disillusionment to the people in the city of Madras who returned two non-Congress candidates out of the 3 constituencies.

Then there was another incident. Immediately after the lifting of the Emergency some 30 or 40 students stormed the room of the Vice-Chancellor in the Madras University. They did not even seek permission for an interview. They just went there and demanded an interview, got into his room and wanted that all examinations should stand postponed. Naturally the Vice-Chancellor was not able to give an immediate answer. I beg to think, Madam Chairman that if campus indiscipline again spreads it will not be to the good of the country and to that of the younger generation of this country. Again I am told that

the Janta's meal which was being supplied for one rupee has been given up by the holders in the city of Madras and elsewhere. This has caused great hardship to the ordinary people and to the poorer sections. I am not able to know the reason why this healthy change which was introduced during the Emergency—this is not a case of arresting persons or putting them in jail—has been given up. The Home Minister may perhaps taken the trouble of finding out and seeing that this at least is restored.

I have already spoken about the electricity department which is in a very very bad way. It requires a thorough overhauling. I am sorry to say that the Advisers regime did not have time to look into this. It so happens that on the day the new Minister of Energy who hails from Tamil Nadu—I wish him well and wish him success—was taking his oath of office, news came in that there will be a further cut in the electricity supply. There was already a 30 per cent cut.

They now propose to make it a 50 per cent cut. I am told that the cut is now 40 per cent. Madam Chairman, you know that this is summer and that for having good crops, it is necessary for the pump sets to be working well so that the standing crops do not wither away. (Interruptions) I am not saying anything against your government or against Mr Ramachandran. He has started well. He said that he will look into the ongoing projects, assess them and see what can be done. So I am bringing this to his notice even though he may not be here now. I is very unfortunate that on the day of his taking the oath (Interruptions) a further cut was announced in the supply of electricity. The reason why I am pleading this is that the Ayeyar project has produced 75 per cent more power this year than last year. Most of it is being supplied to Tamil Nadu. When that is the case there is not much convincing reason why this cut should be continued in the first instance.

and secondly why it should be increased further. So I would like the hon Minister to look into the matter. Because we read in the newspapers that he is visiting Madras on the 9th of this Month and he is going to have discussions with the officials of the Electricity Department. That is why I am urging that he may have a good look into the power projects of Tamil Nadu and try to improve matters.

I would like to say a few things about the imperative needs and requirements of my constituency. I have been pleading for a long time for a bridge near Pallipet on a road which is an inter-State road connecting Tamil Nadu with Andhra Pradesh. The people have been put to much difficulty there for want of this bridge on the river. Though the Central Government was willing the DMK Government was not recommending the work to be taken up. Now that there is President's Rule which is being sought to be extended for a short while I hope the Advisers' regime will see its way to recommend this work and see to it that it is taken up immediately.

There is also a proposal to establish a sugar factory in Tiruttani Taluq in my constituency. That has to be cleared by the Central Government because of which the project is being delayed. I hope the hon Minister will ask the concerned Ministry to see that this proposal to establish a sugar factory is cleared.

There is a very famous temple in my constituency at Sholingar. The hon Prime Minister felt offended when the Leader of the Opposition called the Janata Party a strange animal and a reply came from the other side that it is something like a

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH I do not know what the hon. Member is speaking about. The House is now considering a very limited question just now whether there should be an extension of the President's Rule or not. That is all. All questions about elec

tions, alliance Janata Party etc are not relevant here.

SHRI O V ALAGESAN Perhaps the hon Minister is not well acquainted with the practice in this House. It is customary it is usual during such discussions to make reference to these things. We can say that such and such things should be done and until the elections are held it is for the Government here to deal with those things because Parliament is in charge of the administration of Tamil Nadu. In fact the previous Home Minister was presiding over a Committee of MPs on Tamil Nadu which was looking into these matters. In fact the other day in my speech I requested the Government to see that this Committee of MPs on Tamil Nadu should be set up as early as possible. So I am very relevant when I am urging these things. This refers to the administration of Tamil Nadu and they have to do all these things. The Home Minister has to take note of them and see that these things are done.

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I am coming to a temple. The other side answered back saying that we are aware of Narasimhavaira where the Lord Himself took the shape of both a man and an animal. So why should they be very much ashamed of being called an animal? In this temple the presiding deity is Lord Shri Lakshmi Narasimha. It is a very beautiful temple. Many pilgrims and tourists go there. I want that a road should be made and a winch should be provided so that all people may reach the temple and have a good darshan.

The hon Education Minister made a statement today. It was a preliminary statement. Naturally he could not go in any depth into the various matters that have to be looked into by him. I have no grievance about that but I would like to draw attention to a brochure published by the expert

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body the National Council of Educational Research and Training where there is discrimination made in the teaching of English between non Hindi and Hindi States. It has been mentioned in that brochure that the teaching of English in non Hindi States can start from the ninth standard and that too for two periods in a week. On the other hand they have said that the teaching of English could start in the Hindi speaking States from the sixth standard and will be taught for five periods. I drew the attention of the erstwhile Education Minister also to this very great discrepancy and the discriminatory treatment that has been meted out to the Hindi and non Hindi States. He said that he would correct the discrepancy that he would declare a new policy. So I would beg of the new Education Minister to study this matter. I would not hustle him, and see that this discrepancy is removed and that in the matter of teaching English to the boys whether they are in the Hindi States or non Hindi States, the same policy is followed, and that there is no discrimination.

With these few words I support the Resolution moved by the hon. Home Minister.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN
(Coimbatore) I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity of saying a few words.

At the risk of being told that I am out of order by the hon. Home Minister I would like to take this opportunity of drawing his attention to a few very important and urgent problems that exist in my State today.

First and foremost is the fact that in Tamil Nadu more than in any other State in this country we are beset by the problem of drought of very serious proportions. This is a continuation of the drought conditions which have been there for a very long time. Dur-

ing the period of the DMK regime, from 1972 onwards, we had the miserable experience of finding all drought relief money being channelled into pockets other than those intended with resulting loss to the State as a whole. Therefore on this occasion when we are discussing the Resolution for extending President's rule, it is but correct and meet that I should draw the attention of the new Government to this very important problem so that it is immediately taken up by the hon. Minister through his agencies and put on a war footing.

As a result of this there will be a lasting effect. It is not that we only want our agricultural labour to get employment by digging earth work roads here and there but the long distant perspective on irrigation schemes. That work can be undertaken as drought relief work so that on the one hand we will have income through employment for agricultural labour and on the other hand, we will have already this ground work of new irrigation schemes.

Apart from that I would like to draw the attention of the Minister to the fact that there was a problem of sinking bore wells in the drought areas. These give enough water and the water is available as drinking water for the villagers. But when the existing bore wells go out of order then there is no arrangement for maintenance so that they continue to function properly. The water is there the bore well is there and the statistics are there, but because the bore well is out of order the water is not there as drinking water for the villagers. Therefore it is extremely necessary that immediate steps should be taken to solve this problem. For the simple reason that these pump sets were given on contract to a particular firm outside Tamil Nadu against the advice of the officials by the erstwhile Karunanidhi Government and the whole matter was not handled properly. The mechanics who are responsible for see-

ing them function properly do not bother about it. Then there is a commission which is also looking into it. Meanwhile please take up the work of maintenance of existing bore wells and drought relief measures for the people of my State if they are to receive any relief whatsoever

Then there is a problem for the handloom weavers which we raised also in the form of an amendment to the President's Address. The Prime Minister when replying to the debate on the President's Address just escaped by saying that we are new we do not know all the problems we have to study problems. So I can in all humility bring it to the notice of the Home Minister this problem so that at least they can take up these problems study them and see that very quick results are found

Then there is a question of sales tax on hosiery products in Tamil Nadu. As a result of this the manufacturers and the workers in the hosiery industry have to suffer a lot. This is a discriminatory sales tax which has gone against the hosiery industry in Tamil Nadu and the traditional market has now been lost on account of this. Unfortunately the earlier Karunanidhi Ministry had introduced this tax. We had brought this matter to the notice of the Central Government during the President's Rule. The matter was on the anvil. We were assured that it would be reviewed. Therefore I would like the Home Minister taking over this portfolio to look into this matter of my State and see that a decision is taken very soon in order to give relief to this key industry. There are thousands of workers dependent on it and this is a small scale industry. The Prime Minister yesterday assured that small scale industries are going to be helped. This can be a magnificent step by the Central Government that they would help the hosiery industry in Tamil Nadu by seeing that this discriminatory tax is removed there and protection is given

to them so that that industry can prosper once more as in the past

There are a series of lock-outs in the glass and enamel factory in Salem in Metrics Instruments in Madras. And certain mills are closed in my own constituency of Coimbatore either for financial reasons or for other reasons. There is the Lotus Mill. They made a request for financial assistance from the banks that was necessary to get it going. I hope the Minister will see that this is immediately looked into so that in his period our workers are guaranteed employment and the normal and democratic system of our country continues to function smoothly as a result of the elections which were conducted.

Another point that I would like to make is about our indigenous system of medicine i.e. Ayurveda. In the south and in many other parts of the country many people go in for Ayurvedic medicines. The Health Minister is not here. I would like to bring to his notice one thing. In the south particularly in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh there are many Ayurveda pharmacies. Particularly in Tamil Nadu quite a few Ayurveda pharmacies, hospitals and nursing homes have come up because they have been able to serve the people and many people from the North also go there to get treatment for certain ailments which allopathy cannot cure. So much so that the WHO has decided to have a research scheme along with Ayurveda pharmacies in Coimbatore. It is a great credit to our country because the UNESCO and the UNO themselves are recognising that India has got a good heritage in the medical field also as we have in education and other cultural fields. The erstwhile Karunanidhi Government had a kind of allergy—I do not know why—particularly to Ayurveda medicines and pharmacies which are concentrated more in Kerala. So they introduced a 40 per cent sales tax on Ayurvedic drugs. We had brought this to the

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a tention of the Government and pointed out that it was most unfair that our indigenous system of medicine was being discriminated against. I am no speaking as a person coming from Kerala or from the South. I am speaking in terms of encouraging the indigenous system of our medicine. The 40 per cent sales tax on Ayurveda medicines which the poor people are using is something which is just beyond one's imagination. Of course the people of my city Colmba ore go to Palghat and pay Rs 4/ more to go by bus and get the medicines. But what about others in Tamil Nadu? Why this discrimination against our indigenous system of medicine?

Surely the Minister of Health can go into this matter and see that the protection is given to our Ayurveda medicines and this discrimination is removed. This will benefit the poor people who take to Ayurveda treatment. This will be a great move forward in removing discrimination between one State and another and between allopathic medicines and indigenous prepared medicines.

Lastly when we are discussing the extension of the President's Rule in Tamil Nadu, I would like to say that elections in Tamil Nadu should be held at the earliest. The Home Minister has said that the elections will be held in a few months. We have been seeing various reports in the newspapers that the elections may be held in three months or four months or six months or two months. We have been demanding elections to the Tamil Nadu Assembly at the earliest possible time to give an opportunity to the people of Tamil Nadu to have a duly elected popular Government to deal with these problems and many other problems which we cannot discuss here for want of time today. I do not think the hon. Minister is in a mood to reply to all the problems. That is why I have

brought only a few problems to his notice and I would appeal to him to look into them immediately. I would appeal to him to give an assurance here and now as to how soon the elections will be held. The elections should be held not in a few months but at the earliest giving time to the people of the State to have the electoral rolls rectified. During the recent elections in our State, we were horrified to find that many voters of long years of standing suddenly found themselves outside the electoral rolls. We had this experience and we overcame it. We do not want to accuse anyone of rigging the elections. But that attempt was there. We are glad that we overcame it and that is because of the strength of democratic spirit, democratic ideas and democratic norms that exist in our State.

In conclusion, I would again urge upon the Home Minister to give an assurance that democracy will be taken one step forward by having the State Assembly elections as early as possible and ensuring a duly democratically elected popular Government in the State.

SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN (Nagercoil) First of all, I wanted to point out one thing. The hon. Member Shri Alagasan misquoted our Prime Minister when he referred to the Sarkaria Commission. Our Prime Minister had said that Justice Sarkaria wanted four months. There is no question of giving four months. Our Prime Minister asked Shri Sarkaria about the investigation and the Justice asked for four months time to complete it which was agreed to.

Then another Hon. Member spoke about electricity cuts. In what way is our Prime Minister responsible for that? In what way can the Janata Government take the responsibility? It was your regime which was there at that time and you were responsible for it. The present Minister has said that we will see that the present

projects and systems are fully utilised That means you have not utilised them properly and fully so it is a reflection on your own regime

Then there is another thing The lady Member who spoke just now said that some names were found missing from the electoral rolls but that she did not want to find fault with anybody The responsibility can be placed only on the previous Government and that is why she did not want to find fault with anybody Not only have they left out some names but there were attempts at rigging also I have ample proof of it I have a bundle of papers duly signed by the Presiding Officer With the permission of the Chair I can place it on the Table

Then another Hon Member mentioned the first strike after we took over Without lifting the rifle and without using any force we could bring the strike to a happy ending You should give encomiums to the Janata Government for this.

Another thing is that the Janata Government will not swing in its responsibility of upholding justice As I said yesterday our measuring yard will not swing or bend in favour of anybody At the same time it will not leave out anybody from the purview of enquiries by the Commissions

With these words, I conclude

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN

Just a point of personal clarification the enumerations were done when the DMK was in power in 1975 So he should stand corrected

SHRI KUMARI ANANTHAN It was revised when your Government took over

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN Not my Government I never had my Government

SHRI A ASOKARAJ (Perambalur) Madam Chairman and Hon Mem

bers It is a happy occasion for me to deliver this maiden speech as a member of the All India Anna DMK from Tamil Nadu

In the month of January 1976 the corrupt DMK Government was dismissed and President's rule was imposed The Tamil Nadu people expected Assembly elections along with the Parliamentary elections but unfortunately it was not so

The Home Minister has announced the Assembly elections to the Kashmir Assembly within three months I wonder and don't understand why the Hon Minister has not said anything about the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections though it was dissolved fifteen months ago Some officials are acting in a highhanded manner and the people are unable to express their feelings Hence I request the Prime Minister through the Chair to announce immediate elections to the Tamil Nadu Assembly If the Government do not announce it immediately the people of Tamil Nadu will have doubts regarding the credibility of the statement that democracy is said to be flourishing now Government says that they have faith in the people's verdict then why don't the Government allow the people of Tamil Nadu to give their verdict? The present administration may be a good one but a popular Government will be a better one and the people of Tamil Nadu will give their verdict for a better one

There is no popular Government in my State now Therefore I have to talk about my constituency here My constituency namely Perambalur is a very backward area It is a drought hit area People belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and backward classes are living in huts Human beings cannot live in such huts we should really be ashamed of this These huts are often destroyed by fire So the Government should come forward with comprehensive plans to change these huts The drinking water problem is an

As we have already promised our All India Anna DMK would support the Government in all their constructive and progressive measures

*SHRI A. MURUGESAN (Chidambaram) Madam Chairman on behalf of All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam I rise to say a few words on the Resolution seeking to extend the President's rule in Tamil Nadu

At the very outset I would refer to the regrettable omission in the President's Address to both the Houses of Parliament. It is unfortunate that the Acting President in his Address has not reiterated the solemn assurance of late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru which was scrupulously observed in letter and spirit by late Lal Bahadur Shastri and Shrimati Indira Gandhi that Hindi would not be imposed on non Hindi speaking people of our country. I hope that at least the Home Minister in his reply to this Debate would assure us that Hindi would not be imposed on non Hindi speaking people of India.

The Acting President in his Address has assured that his Government which swears by the name of Mahatma Gandhi and which professes to follow the footsteps of the Father of the Nation would give a pivotal place to rural India in its scheme of economic development. I am an agriculturist by birth and I am spending my life among the agriculturists. There is a proverb in Tamil which says that when the agriculturist starts his calculations he will find that only the measure is with him and nothing else. His grievances are manifold. The Government should arrange for the supply of improved varieties of seed, fertilisers, tractors etc. at the appropriate time and at reasonable prices. He does not get remunerative price for his produce. For the last one year he is undergoing untold indignities and his

labour is not honoured properly. The President's rule in Tamil Nadu has stopped even the bonus of Rs 10 per bag being paid to him. Yesterday the hon. Minister of Agriculture of the Government of India has in his discussions with the State Agriculture Ministers pointed out that the agriculturists of the country would be paid remunerative prices for their wheat, paddy etc. and as an incentive for increased production they would be given some bonus also. I welcome this wholeheartedly. I need not say that the agriculturists are the backbone of Indian economy and as repeatedly pointed out by Mahatma Gandhi unless their welfare is assured the nation's welfare will be in jeopardy.

After the enactment of the law liquidating rural indebtedness the agriculturists are finding hard to get credit facilities for their operations. Before the local money lenders were shunted out, alternative credit giving institutions should have been established in the rural areas. I do not mean to say that the agriculturists live on loans only. But on account of the fact that they are not getting remunerative prices for their produce they are perennially in debt. Here lies the importance of having alternative credit institutions for them. This must be done by the new Government at the earliest.

In most of the rural areas of our country drinking water is so acute that the villagers walk many miles to get drinking water. In particular the village women have to face this ordeal throughout the year. In my district this is a chronic problem. Ulundurpet, Kallakurichi and other adjoining areas face drinking water shortage for so many years now. The new Government at the Centre must provide this primary need of the people living in the rural areas.

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The former Central Minister Shri C Subramaniam gave an assurance about the opening of second-cut mine in Neivelu and here I need not emphasise the need for the setting up of Thermal Plant there for generating electricity needed for this purpose. Electricity is required for bringing out under ground water and for so many other important economic activities. I request that this must be sanctioned immediately.

In Chidambaram and Tanjore Districts which are known as the granary of Tamil Nadu the land which gives three crops a year has become dry for want of water. Even after the construction of dams across Hemavathi and Harangi the Karnataka Government is not honouring the 1924 agreement in regard to the sharing of Cauvery water between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. If this water dispute is not resolved forthwith the entire Tamil Nadu is likely to become an arid zone. The Janata Party Government at the Centre must find an immediate solution to this problem.

Our leader Shri S D Somasundaram has in his speech referred to the necessity of having representative Government in Tamil Nadu as early as possible. My leader Puratchi Thalaivar MGR and the national leader Shri J P has also emphasised the urgency of having State Assembly Elections. I request that immediate elections to the State Assembly must be conducted in Tamil Nadu.

Immediately after freedom Mahatma Gandhi stressed the role of Panchayats in a democratic system and pointed out that they should be vested with necessary powers. In my capacity as the Vice Chairman of the Keerapalayam Panchayat Union Chidambaram Constituency I have felt the need for this. I stress with all the force at my command that the Panchayats should be vested with adequate powers so that

the villages can get the benefit which they deserve.

At the end I suggest that the following programme of activities must be undertaken in my constituency Chidambaram: Construction of revetment between Orattur and Sakkanagudi on Vellar Dairy and Poultry farms with financial assistance to run them; khadi and village industries; increased supply of drugs and appointment of staff in Chidambaram Hospital; enhancement of wages to the agricultural labour and their general upliftment; protected water supply; street lighting; provision of house-sites and also financial assistance to Harijans backward classes for constructing houses; improvement of roads; raising into a post graduate college the Government Nandimar boys and girls High Schools Chidambaram.

With these words I conclude after thanking you Madam Chairman for giving me an opportunity to speak in this House.

*SHRI K RAVIAMURTHY (Dharmapuri) Madam Chairman the people of Tamil Nadu will regretfully welcome this Resolution which seeks to extend the President's rule in Tamil Nadu by another year. I say this because the Prime Minister and the Home Minister of the Janata Party Government, immediately after their assumption of high offices assured that elections to the Assembly would be held as early as possible. Now this Resolution seeking to extend the President's rule in Tamil Nadu might create an impression in the minds of the people of Tamil Nadu that the Janata Party Government would hold Elections to the Assembly only after Janata Party becomes popular among the people of Tamil Nadu.

This is my maiden speech and I have chosen to speak in my mother tongue Tamil. For the past several years I have been watching the proceedings in this House. I get the feeling that the established rules and traditions in the

*The original speech was delivered in Tamil.

conduct of the business of this House have gone to the winds. In 1957, in this House, Shri E. V. K. Sampath spoke in Tamil and secured this right of speaking in our mother tongue in this House. The late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru gave a solemn assurance to the non-Hindi speaking people that English will continue so long as the non-Hindi speaking people want. This assurance has been implemented till the Congress Government at the Centre has scrupulously adhered to the assurance of Jawaharlal Nehru. Now we are afraid of the future. The Janata Party which has come to power at the Centre is a conglomeration of parties with different ideologies. It consists of Hindi fanatics also—Jana Sanghis and Socialists. These leaders in their tours of Tamil Nadu have sown the seed of hatred in the minds of the people of Tamil Nadu. I would like to have a categorical assurance from this Government that they would honour the sacred and solemn assurance of Jawaharlal Nehru that Hindi will not be imposed on non-Hindi speaking people, and English will continue so long as they wish.

If what I have heard is true, then it is a matter to be condemned by all of us here. I understand that in the Health Ministry non-Hindi knowing officials are being thrown out. If this is true, then the separatist tendency which has died down in South will get a fresh lease of life. This Government can allay the fears of the people of Tamil Nadu by reiterating unequivocally the solemn assurance of Jawaharlal Nehru in regard to non-imposition of Hindi on the people of South.

PROF. DILIP CHAKRAVARTY (Calcutta South): There will be no imposition.

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR (Dindigul): The hon. Member is raising a

very important point on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu but the hon. Home Minister who is going to reply to the debate is not listening to his speech. I request him through you, Madam Chairman, to kindly note down the points the Member is raising and reply to them.

SHRI K. RAMAURTHI: The Acting President's Address has been discussed in this House. Neither in the President's Address nor in the speeches of the ruling Party members there has been no indication about the ruling Party's economic programme. "We will change the laws; the freedom of the Press would be restored, all the detainees under MISA have been released, the dreadful MISA has been repealed—these seem to be the theme-song of the ruling Party Members. What does this Government propose to do for the 24 crores of people not even getting an income of a rupee a day? Unfortunately in the DMK rule, Tamil Nadu has come to the last position in the economic map of States in India. Maximum number of people below the poverty line are in Tamil Nadu. What is the economic programme of Janata Party Government for these people, I would like to know. The Central Government have given guidelines in regard to the standard acres as stipulated in different land reforms laws enacted by the States. It is strange that in spite of this, in Tamil Nadu the minimum prescribed by the State is higher than that stipulated in the guidelines of the Central Government. Under the President rule, at least the State land reform law must be brought on par with the Central guidelines.

After the liquidation of rural indebtedness, as per the 20-Point Programme it was thought that the moneylenders in Tamil Nadu would have been decimated. After the Parliamentary election it is strange that the moneylenders have come

[Shri K. Ramamurthi]

back to the surface. It is more astonishing that immediately after the Janata Government resume office in the Centre, they have started pressurising the poor people to give interest dues and the loans. I wonder whether they are the sponsors of Janata Party in Tamil Nadu and are also sympathetic towards the ruling Party at the Centre now. It is a matter to be condemned that with the coming to power of Janata Party the released bonded labour has again become slaves. Naturally, the extension to President's rule in Tamil will not give satisfaction to the people of Tamil Nadu.

As pointed out by the hon. Member Shrimati Parvati Krishnan drinking water is so acute a problem in Tamil Nadu that even if you are prepared to pay money you will not get drinking water. In my constituency Dharmapuri boring wells have been dug tanks have been desilted and underground water is being exploited. Still the people are suffering for want of drinking water and they have to go four or five miles for it. Dharmapuri has been declared as a backward area and yet nothing has so far been done to provide drinking water to the people. Shrimati Parvati Krishnan pointed out to many hundreds of lock outs and lay-offs in the industrial sector of Tamil Nadu. The Plantation workers are not getting their dues according to the Plantation Workers Act as well as the minimum wages as per the Minimum Wages Act. The wages of labour are being denied. For the past four months the GLA's industry workers in Salem have been denied their wages and unemployed due to the illegal closure. This should be looked into by the Central Government as Tamil Nadu is directly administered by it.

Before I conclude I would stress that elections to the Assembly must

be held forthwith in Tamil Nadu. I thank all the hon. Members for having heard my maiden speech in Tamil patiently and conclude with the hope that a Notification regarding Elections to the Assembly in Tamil Nadu would soon be issued by the Central Government.

SHRI MOHANARANGAM (Chengalpattu) Madam Chairman, I am very thankful to you for having given me the opportunity to express my views and my feelings on the extension of President's rule in Tamil Nadu.

Tamil Nadu is now ruled by the officials acting in the name of the President. We have been asking them to conduct the elections for the State Assembly for the past one year and elections to the municipalities for the past 5 years. Municipal elections were conducted in 1969. The period expired in 1972. We asked for Municipal Elections in 1973. The period was extended to 1974 and then again to 1975 and 1976. For the past few years we have been asking for Municipal Elections to be held. We have been asking for elections to be held to the Panchayats. Panchayat elections were held during the year 1970. The period expired during the year 1975. The then Chief Minister Mr. Karunanidhi told us that elections will be conducted within 6 months. After 6 months he again said that this will be conducted in another 6 months. Afterwards that Government was dismissed. For the past one year we have been asking our President to conduct elections for both municipalities and panchayats but no step has been taken so far. I hope that necessary steps will be taken by the concerned authorities now.

With regard to the Film Industry, under the regime of Mr. Karunanidhi the entertainment tax was increased to 65 per cent. This was done just to reduce the political popularity of

Mr MGR who is our leader Mr Karunanidhi increased the tax to 65 per cent in Tamil Nadu whereas the tax is 40 per cent in Andhra Pradesh and 35 per cent in Karnataka. You can not see anywhere in the whole of India any State where it has been increased to 65 percent as it has been increased in Tamil Nadu. That was done only to reduce the popularity of Mr MGR who is our leader.

With regard to language issue I request the Prime Minister to give a categorical assurance on the floor of the House that Hindi will not be imposed on the people of the non-Hindi speaking areas. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had given this assurance. But what we find is that from Fifth Standard onwards Hindi is being imposed on the students of Tamil Nadu. I request the Prime Minister through the Chair, to give this categorical assurance that Hindi will not be imposed on the non-Hindi people. Immediate instructions should also be given to non-Hindi speaking States not to compel the students to learn Hindi. With regard to language, I wish to point out that our State is not like any other State. We have got our own rich literary traditions. We have a hoary past and a rich language in which our poets have given sermons and scriptures. We want that equal status should be given to our language on par with Hindi. Improvement of a language should not be at the cost of another language. So we want all importance to be given to our language.

AN HON MEMBER Why don't you speak in Tamil?

SHRI MOHANARANGAM If I speak in Tamil language the Members and the Ministers will never be able to understand that. That is why I am speaking in English which is an international language. (Interruptions)

MR CHAIRMAN You may carry on

SHRI MOHANARANGAM Madam Chairman, after the election was over, in our State, the AIDMK volunteers were beaten up by the DMK volunteers with the help of the police force. I do not know why the Janta party has joined hands with this discredited and corrupt Chief Minister, Shri Karunanidhi, in the election. That is the reason why the Janta party has not even got half a dozen members out of the forty from the Tamil Nadu. (Interruptions) Shrimati Indira

Gandhi never joined the DMK. You were talking about the 1971 election. Our leader, MGR, was in DMK, at that time and Shri Jagjwan Ram was in the Congress. Now, the entire political force is in the hands of MGR in Tamil Nadu. Certain things, Madam Chairman, were intimated to the concerned authority to rectify during the regime of Shri Karunanidhi. There were some officers who had no political affiliations were acting and doing certain things according to rules. As a result, some of the high officials were even suspended and dismissed or they were asked to retire voluntarily. I shall give here some instances. Some officers of the Tamil Nadu Government were asked to retire voluntarily. I asked the concerned authorities to take steps to reinstate those officials who were compelled to retire voluntarily in Tamil Nadu Government. All the time I had been asking the Government to take necessary steps in conducting the elections not only for Assembly but also for Municipalities and Panchayats Boards. We only want that the entire administration of my State should be run by a properly elected Government and not by the officers under the President's Rule.

DR HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) Madam Chairman I support the resolution moved by the Hon Home Minister seeking another term for the President's Rule.

While supporting this Resolution, I would like to point out with anguish

[Dr Henry Austin]

the fact that the great State of Tamil Nadu is bereft of a popular government for reasons well known to every honourable member of this House. The sad circumstances under which the previous regime had to be removed by the Government still brings in our ears. The decision of the then Government has been subsequently justified beyond any shadow of doubt by the recent Lok Sabha elections.

This clearly showed that the endeavour to detach a part of our country from the national mainstream by trying to create a cess pool of reaction and limited loyalty will not be tolerated by the people of our country. Despite the fact that they have got great cultural achievement and despite the fact that they are guided by certain cultural rejuvenation and regeneration in recent years still, they are proud of the national heritage of our country. The recent election is a positive proof of a new resurgence of nationalism and desire to make our country great and to make their culture part of the composite culture of our great country. Sir, I do not want to make a long speech here. But I would like to say that the experiment the device taken by the previous Government in constituting a Committee of Members of Parliament to advise the Administration run by the President was a very good move. I hope that the Home Minister will look into the possibility of reconstituting the Committee for whatever period the President's Rule may subsist as an interim measure (Interruptions).

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH
Do you want the holding of the elections as early as possible?

DR. HENRY AUSTIN I am not referring to the elections now. Of course I welcome the statement of the Prime Minister regarding early elections. There was a consultative

Committee of Members of Parliament to advise the Tamil Nadu Administration under President's Rule which was presided over by the Home Minister.

That Committee was of great help in making the necessary suggestions and perhaps here the reviving of such a Committee would be helpful.

Sir, one of the reasons for my participation in this debate is to highlight the existing severe drought conditions in Tamil Nadu. Sir, in the areas that I visited a few months back the scarcity of essential commodities and particularly that of drinking water is very acute. It is a very bad situation indeed. Of course the previous Administration had been helpful in boring 6,000 bore wells, but I am very sorry to say that the maintenance work has been neglectful and many of these wells are in disuse now. This is a serious situation which might be attended to.

Sir, in Karur, Chengalpattu and other areas the handloom weavers are facing a very serious problem in as much as that they cannot find a market for their produce. They have been in this handloom industry for ages and the goods produced in those areas have acquired a certain standard. But today because of neglect thousands of people—if not lakhs—are suffering and the Administration might take adequate interest or devise measures to relieve the workers involved in this large industry from this situation of unemployment and possible extinction of this industry.

Sir, another serious situation that obtains in Tamil Nadu is the fact that many mills in Coimbatore and Madurai—centres of textile industry—are running sick. I think about eight or nine mills have already been declared sick mills and Government—as I am told—has only decided to take over one sick mill. It is a very bad situation. If the textile industry comes into bad days then it will affect our whole economy.

Now the thing which interests not only the people of Tamil Nadu but also the people of entire South is the completion of Jammu—Kanyakumari railway line. The railway line has already been extended upto Jammu and only certain missing links are there in the South. I do hope the hon Home Minister, who takes up matters seriously, will look into this. Though I know it is not directly under his control.

Again, Sir, there has been great interest—both in Kerala and Tamil Nadu—for starting a railway line connecting the ancient city of Madurai with the developing port of Cochin. Sir, I represent Cochin. It is in my constituency. I think certain survey has already been undertaken and I do not know what its present stage is. This railway line would also create facilities for the development of tourism because hundreds of foreigners are coming to Madurai to see the Madurai temples and also to Cochin. On the way is Idikkai where we have the giant hydro-electric project. Nearby we have also a great game sanctuary at Thekkady. All these places could be connected if this railway line from Cochin harbour to Madurai is started. This will throw open the hinterland of Tamil Nadu to Cochin Harbour.

Now, another thing I have noticed in my recent tour to Tamil Nadu is the tremendous scope for development of fisheries. On the Kerala coast, as is well known there has been a great blue revolution since 1952. I had also a part to play in initiating this great blue revolution which has revolutionised the coastal Kerala. It has now spread to some other coastal States also. Tamil Nadu offers tremendous potential for the development of fisheries.

One of the nine fish breeding centres of the world, as marine biologists have pointed out lies hardly about 800 kilometres of the coast of Tut-

corine on the coromondal coast. According to marine biologists, if you exploit the potentials of Wadge Bank as it is named after a German biologist in the later part of the 19th century, we will have fed the entire South and South East Asia by high protein food, sea food of various kinds. Today the sea food industry is catching up and in Kerala alone we have exported in the course of the last year about 350 crores of rupees worth shrimps and other frozen sea food in foreign exchange. Kerala coast is nothing when compared to the great Wadge Bank and in the Sixth Five Year Plan we are planning to have what we call deep-sea fishing and Tamil Nadu offers much more than Kerala and other coastal States for the development of fisheries, through deep sea fishing.

Sir, I have said enough. I would like to say that a fresh wind is blowing in Tamil Nadu. I told this to my friends in the North when I met them some time back in the AICC or in the Parliament itself. They used to ask what was happening in Tamil Nadu—why so much of provincialism, chauvinism and limited loyalties were fostered there.

MR CHAIRMAN The time is up

DR HENRY AUSTIN One more minute, Madam. So that phase seems to be over and every one should be proud of it. Of course, people of Tamil Nadu and the South in general are proud of their culture and their heritage but we always considered those cultural achievements as an integral part of an integrated whole—the composite culture of India. Towards this end we have been striving and we are glad to say that this desideratum has excited a lot of people in our country. Let us stand for the unity of the country and in the process let us also throw more emphasis on the development of the south and satisfy the aspirations of the people of Tamil Nadu in particular and the entire south in general.

SHRI S NANJESHA GOWDA
(Hasan) Madam Speaker, hon Mem-
ber

AN HON MEMBER No, Madam
Chairman.

SHRI S NANJESHA GOWDA I
am a new Member I am new to
parliamentary affairs also So, kind-
ly bear the mistake of mine

Now, I am speaking in support of
the Resolution already moved Many
of my friends, Sir, have spoken many
things I also want to say something
about what happened in Karnataka
About Tamil Nadu, I share the feel-
ings of all Tamil Nadu friends There
is no doubt about it

Regarding Karnataka also I want
to say something because I had no
opportunity, in spite of requests, to
speak on any occasion previously

MR. CHAIRMAN You should
speak on Tamil Nadu

17 00 hrs

SHRI S NANJESHA GOWDA I
must speak only on Tamil Nadu?
But I observed that many friends
spoke beyond the subjects every time
As a new Member, kindly give me
the opportunity to say something
As my friends already said, in
Karnataka there are no elections for
Taluka Boards and Panchayats and
all those things for the last 8 years
On this occasion, I request, through
the Chairman, this honourable Gov-
ernment to conduct elections to those
august bodies fairly and honourably
Regarding the last elections, I want
to say a few words My friend
Lakkappa comes from Karnataka, from
a constituency which is adjacent to
my constituency He says that peo-
ple came in a procession to vote for
Congress He also says that the Con-
gress has done a lot in the past

thirty years He has forgotten that
before 1971 he was saying quite the
opposite let him say what his feel-
ings were then and what he was
doing before 1971 He used to fight
like a tiger and criticise the Congress
(Interruptions) I am sorry to say
that he has become a circus tiger
during the last 18 months during
emergency just as the circus tiger is
being controlled by somebody else,
he was controlled by somebody else
On Karnataka elections and other
things so many persons spoke about
north and south, about regional feel-
ings, communal feelings, etc I do
not think that it is a healthy fea-
ture (Interruptions) In so many
constituencies people did not come in
procession, they were not in love
with the Congress I know that
people were paid in some constitu-
encies for coming in processions So
many ministers have spent so heavily
for elections, they took advantage of
the poverty of the people One
Minister spent lakhs and lakhs in
my constituency That money is cor-
rupt money, black money I have
got records to show that he amassed
corrupt money Here is the report
of the Public Accounts Committee of
the Karnataka legislature The Com-
mittee consists of 10 Congress MLAs
and 5 opposition MLAs and the
Accountant General In 1974-75 they
submitted this report to the Gov-
ernment of Karnataka, this is a uni-
versal report, ten Congress members
and 5 opposition members sat with
officers of the government and ex-
amined the records and they put on
record what has been proved and
they give the details of all the scan-
dals and then they give their final
conclusion and I shall read from that
for only one minute It is true that
money was looted Now, he is a
Minister in the present Government
He was the President of the Karn-
ataka State Co-operative Marketing
Federation The charges are framed
against him by the Congress Party
people themselves. In this connec-

tion, I will read out the relevant portion of the Public Accounts Committee Report of the Karnataka Government (Interruptions) As per the report of the PAC, it is stated that Shri Srikanth was the President of the Karnataka Co-operative Marketing Federation I will read out the relevant portion at pages 261-62

'Ad hoc decision of the President to transport fertilisers to Belgaum from Bangalore instead of from Hubli contrary to the advice tendered by the officers in July 1970 that causing a loss to the tune of Rs 73 000

Then there are other items involving Rs 15 crores by defrauding by the same person I will take up this matter on some other occasion as time is limited Thank you

SHRI R KOLANTHAIVELU (Tiruchengode) Madam Chairman President's rule in Tamil Nadu has been extended But now the people are unable to send their representatives to the State Legislature The people are unable to express the difficulties faced by them through the medium of Legislature The people are as a whole in practical difficulties because they are not able to get their grievances redressed through their elected representatives On behalf of the All India Anna DMK I plead on the floor of the House that the elections to the State Legislature should be conducted at an early date Now, there was a system adopted by the erstwhile Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu—the mass contact system This does neither good to the people nor to the Government I would say that this system should either be followed in its true sense or it should be dropped By taking advantage of the President's rule the DMK power-mongers are threatening the public endangering their life and security During the regime of the DMK Government the party people tried

to engage the Government machinery for their own personal ends The police are indirectly supporting the DMK rowdy elements and some of the Anna DMK volunteers have been threatened and beaten up On top of it, the police registered cases against the Anna DMK volunteers and not the DMK volunteers This fact was brought to the notice of the I G of Police by the Anna DMK leaders But so far no action has been taken by the Police I would request the Government to look into this matter seriously and take necessary steps immediately so that justice is done to the aggrieved persons of Anna DMK There are some pending cases against the DMK leaders and those cases should be expedited I would request the Government to take suitable steps to implement the pending public work schemes that have been left undone by the previous Government In many parts of constituency in Tamil Nadu, there are no village link roads I request the government to look into the matter Only when the villages are linked by proper roads education will improve In my constituency most of the villages are not at all connected by roads So the children find it very difficult to go to school So, I request the government to take steps to construct link roads as soon as possible in an economic way

In Tamil Nadu the farmers have to deposit huge sums to buy a tractor by way of loan This amount should be reduced We know that this government is mainly for the uplift of the poor sections of the people and we hope that the water problem in the villages will be solved Certainly we lend our cooperation and support in eradicating poverty in the country if the will of the people is duly respected and really weighed

On the floor of this House, I request the government to expedite the execution of the work on the Salem

[Shri R. Kolanthalavelu]

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'Shri A. V. P. Asanthambi'

agriculture will also get a fillip by this arrangement. The Janata Party Government should pay attention to this scheme in all seriousness.

In Tamil Nadu two MISA defences died in prison. Many hundred, more have died in North India. I suggest that all the bereaved families must be given a life pension of Rs 1000 a month by the Central Government. Then only we will end our cry by the dead.

It is expected that the President's rule must be impartial and honest. But in Tamil Nadu during President's rule corruption and malpractices have multiplied beyond imagination. The Congress people have secured positions of profit during President's rule. The former Congress Minister Shri Ramaya has become the Vice Chairman of Planning Body of the State. The former Minister, Shri Rajaram Nadu has become the President of the Housing Board. Even after the ignominious defeat of the Congress Party in the recent elections they are clinging to their seats. Either they must themselves resign or they must be pushed out by the Central Government.

Many have referred to perfidious role of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri Sukhadia, who is reported to have resigned. The Congress Members seem to have become his staunch defenders in this House. It is rumoured that he is likely to become the President of the All India National Congress. At the time of elections he went from village to village and compelled the leaders of villages and their followers to vote for the Congress. Dr Handa, a prominent supporter of the Congress, has attacked his activities during the election. An inquiry must be ordered by the Central Government in regard to his role in the recent elec-

tion. D.P.A. which-artificially well comes elections to the Assembly in the State and the Central Government must conduct this at the earliest.

With these words, I conclude my maiden speech.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) Mr Chairman this Resolution for the extension of President's Rule in Tamil Nadu I appreciate is inevitable. But, at the same time I will join the previous speakers in urging that the elections to the State Legislature must be held as early as possible and the elections should be as fair and as free as possible. The people must be allowed to have a government of their own choice without any interference from the Centre. This will be the test before the people of Tamil Nadu for the new Janata Government in Delhi. The verdict passed by the people of Tamil Nadu recently during the Lok Sabha elections is clear. They have rejected the DMK, and they have also rejected the Janata. That is why the previous speaker my esteemed friend Shri Asanthambi was so sober in this House. He was waxing eloquent about national unity about linking Ganga with Cauveri. I have no hesitation in supporting him in that demand. They have at least now become wise after their defeat. If the DMK had not been defeated, whether Chaudhuri Charan Singh is sitting here or Shri Morarji is sitting here or Shrimati Indira Gandhi is sitting here nothing can prevent them from fomenting separatist and chauvinist slogans. I am proud that my party and the all India Anna DMK stood in the forefront in fight against their separatist policy.

SHRI A. V. P. ASANTHAMBI With out the help of ADMK these people could not come here.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM He was narrating in this House the

suffering, undergone by the DMK people after the dismissal of their Government. Some of them may be true or may not be true. I am not prepared to challenge them. I would sympathise with them if they have suffered because I would not support any action like that. But may I ask Shri Asaithambi whether he has forgotten all the things that were done during the regime when his party was in power. How many political murders took place then? Do not try to hide those facts from this House. The days of misleading this House are over. There was a time when 22 members belonging to that Party were sitting here the most eloquent and very effective speakers. All their top leaders like Karunanidhi, Anbazhagan, Neduchezhiyan were free to campaign as they liked.

SHRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI
What about Shri Manoharan?

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM
All the details which the hon. Member Mr. Asaithambi mentioned here in this House were placed before the people. But the people rejected them and gave a clear verdict in favour of the progressive alliance and the policy pursued by the alliance. This is what the Government here should take note of. Do not play with the mood of the Tamil Nadu people. For the first time after nearly 15 years the people of Tamil Nadu have joined the mainstream. The Janata wave is there in a different way. Please listen to my point seriously. I have no political motive. I am only trying to place some facts before this House for the consideration of the new Ministers. After the formation of this Government the DMK is more jubilant than even the Janata Party itself. They are celebrating the victory in the hope that they can hide them-

* selves or seek shelter for their crimes. Secondly, all the blackmarketeers and hoarders have become very active in the past one week. What has happened to cement? The fixed price

of cement is Rs 19.20 but you cannot get a bag of cement anywhere in Tamil Nadu for less than Rs 30 or Rs 31 now. This is the position today. I challenge anyone to contradict me. Thousands of building workers are unemployed. I have visited important centres for two days. All private constructions have come to a standstill. Cement is not at all available in the open market.

Yarn, especially of coarse variety used for making carpets, bedsheets and towels, has shot up by 50 to 60 per cent in the course of one week. It is not available in the open market. Thousands of handloom weavers are starving for want of yarn. Such things are happening. The prices of edible oils, pulses and other essential commodities have shot up. The wholesale traders think that their Raj has come and that they will be free to do whatever they like. In your anxiety to undo everything that was done during the Congress regime, please do not undo the good things that they had done. One good thing that they did was to remove DMK from power and to appoint a Commission of Enquiry. Some other good things have also taken place by way of implementing the 20-point programme, especially giving relief to the rural poor and cultivating tenants.

Today drought conditions are very serious in my State. Even the Cauvery delta is drought-affected. Three lakhs of acres have remained fallow for three years consecutively. The Janata Party leaders are believers in national unity. If you want to preserve the unity of this country, bring the people of Tamil Nadu into the stream of national reconstruction so that we may build a new India. Whatever may be our political attitude towards this Government, we will not be wanting in our efforts for rebuilding and restructuring the national economy of our country. Please take this point seriously.

[Shri M. Kalyanasundaram]

If the Cauvery water dispute was not settled earlier, if the Krishna water does not come to Madras, I will not blame the former Central Government alone, because the DMK Government was the main culprit. Because the DMK was in power, it could not come. Mrs. Gandhi did not announce the decision about the Krishna water suddenly on 15th February. It was there in the Gulhati Commission's report ten years ago. When Mr. Sanjiva Reddy was the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, it was settled that Krishna water would be available to Madras for drinking purposes. That was settled ten years ago.

It is nothing new. The DMK Government failed when they were in power. What is their real demand. How does he explain their attitude regarding the State autonomy and Joint Government at the Centre? They are still pursuing this demand. In Coimbatore, in December 1975, did he not say that if there were elections, Mr. Karunanidhi will be the Chief Minister and if there were no elections, then Mr. Karunanidhi will become the Prime Minister. Is he going to become the Prime Minister of India? Is it not a veiled threat to separate the State?

The drought conditions are very serious there. I would request the Government to send a team there to study the whole thing. Some lasting benefit must be given. The water table is going below, because there is no water in the river. In the non-delta area, it has gone very low. We are in a very unfortunate position. The whole of Tamil Nadu is bleeding due to this, nursery. There is no drinking water available in many villages in all the districts of Tamil Nadu. There the sand is so hot and so dry. That is the position of the Tamil Nadu area. Kindly show some mercy to Tamil Nadu. Please

do not view their problem from a political angle. Please send a team there immediately so that they may study the whole thing and give them relief immediately. If the Centre gives adequate relief, and earns the good will of the people of Tamil Nadu I will have no political jealousy on that.

Recently, there was a railway accident. The Government is being misled here. When I was speaking on the Railway Budget, there was an assurance that the Minister will be very vigilant and he will be able to control even the Railway Board. What is the position? Does anybody know how that accident took place? Does anybody know the real cause of that accident? West Coast Express Train was running at a high speed. When it was passing through Sevoor station, suddenly, the bogies got derailed and so on. What happened to the passengers and the railway workers who were sitting by the side of the cabin. Thirty people must have been killed. The railway authorities said that only six people were killed. Today, they have increased the number to nine. Even today, they are not able to tell the truth about the accident. What kind of enquiry is taking place? The enquiry is there to suppress the facts and hide the causes of the accident. There was a warning when the train was in Salem, that is 150 miles away. The driver again reminded that some peculiar noise was being heard. One of the parts of the coach slipped down and was caught between the wheels when coaches derailed, one after another and capsized.

I would request the Government to hold a proper enquiry into the causes of the accident. The enquiry by the railway inspection officers is not proper; it will not give you the truth about the accident. If you want to get at the truth in the interest of the nation to avoid such accidents in future, you must hold a proper

enquiry Our railways have got a proud record in the matter of accidents

Late Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri had given us an example He was not responsible for that accident The natural causes were there But till he resigned

AN HON MEMBER What about Mr Alagesan?

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM Let us emulate the example of Mr Lal Bahadur Shastri, not of Mr Alagesan

SHRI O V ALAGESAN On a point of information

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM I am not yielding Two Members cannot speak at the same time He cannot interrupt me I will not allow him to interrupt me

SHRI O V ALAGESAN Who is he to allow or not allow me to interrupt It is for the Chair Sir, on a point of personal explanation

MR CHAIRMAN Since you have referred to him, let him explain

SHRI O V ALAGESAN I placed my resignation in the hands of the then Prime Minister Mr Nehru He advised me not to be hasty He said "Mr Lal Bahadur Shastri has already resigned You do not resign" So, on the advice of that great leader I did not press my resignation Let the House know it

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM I want a thorough inquiry to be made into that accident You send a senior officer from the Railway Board and the State railway officer You also depute some senior officer from the Home Ministry It is welcome Let there be a proper inquiry to find out the real causes of the accident so that

proper lessons may be drawn for the future of the safety of the rail travel This is a very serious matter I want a thorough probe into the matter

With these words I resume my seat

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Mr Chairman Sir I am glad to find that the resolution has not been opposed by any hon Member And yet long speeches have been delivered I raised a point of order but I was overruled Perhaps it seems that the hon Members were right in saying what they did The question, however, is whether I can reply to all the points raised from fishery development to railway development and the railway accident The hon Members have covered a very wide field I do not find myself competent to answer all those points raised at such a short notice

I would only refer to three or four specific points that have been made on which the Government can take some action Firstly about the question of drinking water I will see what relief can possibly be extended at the instance of the Government of India as soon as possible I do not know the extent of the problem But as I have said I will do my best so far as the Government of India is concerned

Secondly some cases of excesses committed during the President's Rule were also mentioned

AN HON MEMBER And also during the DMK's regime

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH Here I am concerned only with the President's rule If specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government, I assure my hon friends there that strict action will be taken An inquiry will be held and if the persons who are accused of crimes and excesses committed by them are found guilty, strong action will be taken against them.

[Chaudhuri Charan Singh]

Another point that was made was about the constitution of the Advisory Committee. I said that perhaps no such Committee was necessary. But I find I was wrong. It is a statutory Committee. I understand that the Home Ministry has already taken necessary steps in the matter and soon a Committee will be appointed.

Now there is a question about Hindi. Some of my friends have imported heat into this question but that heat was imported unnecessarily. This Government has absolutely no intention of imposing Hindi on any State or Union Territory.

Now so far as elections are concerned the Resolution itself says that the elections will be held within a few months. Supposing I had said in the Resolution that they will be held 'within three months or within four months or as early as possible' I think matters would not have improved thereby. I have already committed myself to the statement that the elections will be held within a few months and the term 'few months' can include a period of two months to four months also. I am ready to amend the words of the Resolution to read as soon as possible if that will satisfy the Hon Members.

So far as the fairness of the elections is concerned, this question need not have been raised at all. We ourselves have been victims of unfair elections. I therefore assure the Members there that so far as we are concerned, we will do our best to see that the elections are free and fair.

Now I may say that in as much as the people of Tamil Nadu will soon be in charge of their own destiny perhaps no emotion need to be spent over this issue any more. With these words, I hope the Resolution will be accepted by the House.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN There were some points regarding closures and so on. Will the Consultative Committee be formed soon and these matters be referred to them, as these are of extreme urgency?

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH The Consultative Committee is being formed very soon.

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is "That this House approves the continuance in force of the proclamation dated the 31st January 1976 in respect of Tamil Nadu, issued under article 356 of the Constitution by the President for a further period of one year with effect from the 10th March, 1977."

The motion was adopted

12.48 hrs.

STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE CONTINUANCE IN FORCE OF THE PROCLAMATION IN RESPECT OF NAGALAND

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) I beg to move the following Resolution in the House

"That this House approve the continuance in force of the proclamation dated the 22nd March, 1975 in respect of Nagaland, issued under article 356 of the Constitution by the President for a further period of one year with effect from the 26th March, 1977."

The State of Nagaland came under the President's Rule with effect from 22nd March, 1975 the date on which the proclamation under Article 356 of the Constitution was issued by the President. This proclamation was approved by the Lok Sabha on 25th March, 1975 and by the Rajya Sabha on 26th March, 1975. Since then, three extensions of six months each

were approved. The last time the Resolution for further continuance in force of the proclamation in Nagaland for six months, with effect from 26th September, 1976, was passed by the Lok Sabha on 20th August, 1976. The proclamation was thus in force upto and inclusive of 25th March, 1977. The continuance of the proclamation for a period of one year from 26th March, 1977 was also approved by the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 1977.

If the House is pleased to approve and adopt the resolution I have moved, President's Rule in Nagaland can continue for one more year. This would not preclude elections being held long before the period of one year could expire. Government would like to have such elections as soon as the climatic conditions in Nagaland could permit the holding of elections. Monsoon breaks out in Nagaland much earlier and, therefore elections would not be possible for reasons of climate in June. But we are most anxious that elections should be held in Nagaland as soon as possible.

I commend the Resolution to this House for approval.

MR. CHAIRMAN There is only one member to speak on this. Shrimati Rano M. Shaiza. She is not here. I shall put the Resolution to the vote of the House. The question is—

"That this House approves the continuance in force of the Proclamation dated the 22nd March, 1975, in respect of Nagaland issued under article 356 of the Constitution by the President, for a further period of one year with effect from the 26th March, 1977."

The motion was adopted.

17.52 hrs.

CALTEX [ACQUISITION OF SHARES OF CALTEX OIL REFINING (INDIA) LIMITED AND OF THE UNDERTAKINGS IN INDIA OF CALTEX (INDIA) LIMITED] BILL

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS & FERTILISERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) Sir, I beg to move*

That the Bill to provide, in the public interest, for the acquisition of the shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and for the acquisition and transfer of the right, title and interest of Caltex (India) Limited in relation to its undertakings in India and thereby to secure that the ownership and control of the petroleum products produced by the Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited, and marketed and distributed by the said undertakings in India are so distributed as best to subserve the common good, be taken into consideration.

This is a Bill which helps this nation to have control over one of the most strategic areas of its economy connected with both development and defence. The Caltex and the other concerns which are being taken over have been doing their business in this country for quite some time. Nevertheless, it has been the consistent policy followed by the nation to own and conduct the affairs connected with this sector of our industry through the system of public ownership, that is almost a national consensus, a national policy. It is, therefore, proposed to take over all these interests, and provision therefor has been made.

One thing is true that this take-over is through the agreement arrived at between the predecessor Government and Caltex (India) Limited, and this Government would not like to go back upon that agreement. Therefore, we have brought forward this Bill providing for the same type of compensation as was agreed upon between the predecessor Government and the Caltex whose interests we propose to take over. I hope that the House will welcome this measure and

*Moved with the recommendation of the Vice President acting as President.

[Shri H N Bahuguna]

give us the benefit of their advice. Hereafter we have only a tiny company the Assam Oil Company which is outside public ownership India in this manner, has acquired 99 per cent of its oil industry as public-owned enterprise I hope the good wishes and the cooperation of the Members of this House and our working class the workers and officers connected with this industry, will help us to tide over the difficult situation which we find ourselves in relation to oil and oil products

With these words I commend the Resolution to the House for its approval

MR CHAIRMAN Motion moved

"That the Bill to provide in the public interest for the acquisition of the shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and for the acquisition and transfer of the right title and interest of Caltex (India) Limited in relation to its undertakings in India and thereby to secure that the ownership and control of the petroleum products produced by the Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited, and marketed and distributed by the said undertakings, in India are so distributed as best to subserve the common good, be taken into consideration"

DR HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) Mr Chairman, Sir, I heartily welcome this Bill moved by hon Shri Bahuguna, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers My mind goes back to the early sixties when as General Secretary of the Petroleum Workers' Union, we submitted a memorandum to the then Minister for Petroleum representing that all the then existing foreign oil companies such as Burmah Shell Esso, S.V.O.C., Caltex etc. be nationalised At that time, some sections of the press criticised the workers for bringing forward such a move They thought that the skies would fall down if these foreign companies were nationalised. They

thought that these companies were strong pillars of our economy and without the support of these foreign companies our economy could not be sustained Much water flowed under the bridge since then and every time when moves were made and bills were introduced to nationalise Burmah Shell, Esso and other companies, we had supported them As the hon. Minister has said, with this almost 99 per cent of the oil companies have been brought under Government only one per cent is left

Sir I would like to point out that the problems arising out of the taking over by the Government of these privately-owned foreign companies have not been solved particularly relating to workers In my constituency there was a tin factory owned by Esso when it was nationalised. There were about 150 workers in that factory Consequent on the taking over of that company, this tin factory which was an integral part of the establishment was left in the lurch The workers have been making repeated representations to the former Minister for Petroleum, Shri K. D. Malaviya that they may be allowed to continue they are prepared to form a cooperative society to manage that factory in Ernakulam There is a move for selling that factory to some private capitalist When the workers are coming forward to run this factory after forming a cooperative society it is incumbent on the part of the Government to provide requisite facilities to enable the workers to run that factory Kindly look into this aspect as also in general to the other aspects concerning employees when you take over the Caltex Company and see that the workers are given proper compensation, where required, and proper arrangements are made for them for employment and other service conditions

18 00 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Wednesday April 6, 1977/Chaitra 18, 1899 (Saka).

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LOK SABHA

Wednesday, April 6 1977/Chaitra 16,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR SPEAKER Before we take up the Question-Hour, I would like to have the co-operation of the hon. Members

There are twenty questions on the Question List. If you want a large number of questions to be answered then you must confine yourself to one or two supplementaries only. But if you are going to ask quite a number of supplementaries, then only two or three questions will be covered in a day.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA: It all depends upon the merits of the question.

MR SPEAKER If you want I do not mind but only one or two questions we can cover in a day. If all of you get up it will be difficult and also very embarrassing to the Chair. Therefore I would say, let us have only two supplementaries in regard to a question.

Shri Dinesh Joarder

Government's Policy towards "Samachar"

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*21 SHRI DINESH JOARDER:

SHRI S G MURUGAIYAN

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether any change regarding Government policy towards "Samachar" News Agency is contemplated, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) With a view to safeguarding freedom of Press and ensuring that there is no monopoly in the news agency operations Government is giving a fresh look to the entire question of policy regarding "Samachar" News agency.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI DINESH JOARDER I am glad that the Government is going to have a fresh look at the policy and the functioning of the Samachar News Agency.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister that in view of the last 19 or 20 months of emergency and the manner in which these News Agencies like PTI, UNI and other agencies have been merged together and forcible and coercive measures taken to unify these different news agencies into one Samachar News Agency and also the repression and atrocities unleashed on the journalists, particularly, reporters of the news agencies, I want to know from the Minister as

to have many of them have been the victims of these repressive measures of the former Congress Government and how many of them have been arrested under the MISA and the different punitive measures taken against them? I also want to know

MR. SPEAKER Too wide a question—what is the number of people arrested and all that does not arise out of it

SHRI DINESH JOARDER What action do the government propose to take to safeguard the journalists from any possible future atrocities?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI Mr Speaker Sir as you have pointed out, the question pertains to the re-organization of the Samachar. Of course in the course of what has been happening about the amalgamation of the news agencies if there are any cases of victimisation, the Ministry has always been prepared to review and take the necessary remedial steps in that regard. Government have no intention of conducting any roving inquiry into the matter. But if specific instances are brought to the notice of the government they will certainly be looked into.

SHRI DINESH JOARDER I would like to know from the hon. Minister when this policy will be reconsidered whether they will also consider how these small and medium news papers and other journals can have the supply of news items from news agencies at a cheaper cost and what other machinery can be set up for the supply of news items to different newspapers all over the country particularly regional language newspapers.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI It is the Government's policy to protect the interests of the small and medium newspapers and in the scheme of re-organisation which we may undertake this will certainly be taken into account.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI Is the Government thinking of setting up Press Advisory Body so that democratic norms be established between the Government and the Press?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI The question relates to the wide 'freedom of press in the country. The Ministry is presently seized of the entire issue.

So far as the main issue of Samachar is concerned, I hope to make a comprehensive policy statement before this session ends.

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं आपके द्वारा माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन समाचार एजेंसियाँ को मिलाया गया है क्या सरकार उन समाचार एजेंसियाँ को फिर से प्रत्यक्ष करने पर विचार करेगी? पी० टी० आई० यू० एन० आई०, हिन्दुस्तान समाचार और समाचार भारती—इन समाचार एजेंसियों को पिछली सरकार ने मिलाकर एक न्यूज एजेंसी बनाई जिसके पीछे उद्देश्य यही था कि वह सरकारी नियंत्रण में रहे लेकिन नई सरकार इस उद्देश्य को अनुसार काम नहीं करना चाहती अतः क्या सरकार निश्चित रूप से यह निर्णय लेना चाहती है कि चारों समाचार एजेंसियाँ को फिर से प्रत्यक्ष प्रत्यक्ष काम करने का अवसर प्रदान किया जाये?

श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी जहाँ तक मेरा सरकार की नीति का सम्बन्ध है वह बहुत स्पष्ट है कि हम समाचार एजेंसियाँ पर सरकारी नियंत्रण के विरुद्ध हैं। दूसरी बात यह है कि न्यूज एजेंसीज के क्षेत्र में हम एकाधिकार को भी उचित नहीं समझते हैं। लेकिन आज जो एमिलगमेशन हो चुका है उस स्थिति को दूर करने के लिए क्या उपाय उचित रहेंगे इसके बारे में हम जरूर सलाह करना चाहेंगे विशेषकर इस बात को ध्यान में रख कर कि समाचार में काम करने वाले कमचारियों के हितों को कोई हानि न पहुँचे।

Denial of Advertisement to certain Newspapers etc.

*22 SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) names of the daily, weekly and other periodicals to whom advertisements were suspended by the former Government, and

(b) whether the suspension orders have been cancelled?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) A list of newspapers whose advertisements remained discontinued as on 20-3-1977 is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-100/-77]

(b) Each case is being examined on merits for revocation of the suspension orders especially those issued on political grounds. Orders in 81 cases out of 100 have already been reviewed and rescinded.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA May I know what is actually the basis of review or what are the points that are considered while reviewing these cases?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI As I have already stated in my reply, where it seems almost obvious that the discontinuance of advertisements to a newspaper or a journal has been politically motivated or was because of the independent views of that paper, the review has already been done and orders have been rescinded. It has not been difficult to see that the status quo ante as existed in June 1973 is restored. But I may point out that in certain cases where the stoppage of advertisements is because of the 'curious content of any paper, there the Government would have a different view. Therefore, out of 100 cases that were brought to me till

now, in 81 cases orders have been rescinded.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA May I know whether the list that has been given here is complete? So far my knowledge goes the monthly papers to which the advertisements come from the Government agencies were stopped. 'EK SHATHE' is one such Bengali Journal published by a women organisation in West Bengal. There is another paper called JAISHRI. May I request the Minister to look into the cases of the papers in whose cases ban was imposed by the previous Government? Will he see that these cases are looked into immediately and necessary steps undertaken to sanction advertisements to these papers?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I would be grateful if any hon. Member points out specific cases. I will certainly look into them.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY Man is a political animal. The Minister is a politician. May I know whether he is going to rise above politics and to do justice to every paper in the country?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI We are committed to the policy of not discriminating against anyone on political grounds.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY May I know whether some newspapers were driven to the stage of starvation let alone not being granted advertisements? I can quote the example of *Motherland* for instance. May I know whether the Government is going to make amends for the action of the previous Government which drove such newspapers to extinction? Also may I know whether the Government will institute an inquiry into the whole action of the previous Government vis-a-vis the *Motherland*?

not been included in this number. Actually, this number will run into several thousands in the whole of the country. I would like to know whether the government proposes to enquire into the details of the cases which are pending against them and what is the immediate step going to be taken about these cases?

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH

My reply is based on the information supplied by the State Governments. If the hon. Member wants I will make further enquiries from the State Governments.

SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL Mr

Speaker Sir I have personal information as I have enquired into these cases as a member of a committee two years back that physical atrocities by the police and executive authorities were committed on the body of these prisoners. We found marks on their bodies. Hot iron plates were put on the breasts of a woman prisoner who was housed in Koraput jail. Her husband was also tortured who is also in Koraput jail. I would like to know whether enquiries will be made into such cases and the guilty punished. Some of the so called Naxalites have been killed in cold. All this merit investigation.

MR. SPEAKER The Home Minister has already said that he will make further enquiries.

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN I would like to know from the hon. Minister in the context of the conditions in which these prisoners are being kept whether instructions have been issued that they should be treated as political prisoners and given proper treatment. Secondly, those cases which are pending whether they will be released on parole and given bail so that the conditions under which they are suffering are ameliorated?

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH

I have already said that instructions are being issued for their release. As such, no further question about their treatment arises.

SHRI KRISHAN KANT May I

know from the hon. Home Minister whether he will enquire into the whole situation as the reply he has got from the State governments was because of the word 'detained' and not 'arrested under various charges'. There are thousands of people in prison on whom cases are being conducted for the last about ten years and the cases have not progressed much. In this connection may I also submit that because of the policy of the new government and the situation in the country whether his attention has also been drawn to the Resolution passed by CPI(M.L) on the 1st April, which shows that they are trying to abjure the application of violence and they are saying that CPI(M.L) is eager to participate in the democratic processes and eager to participate in the coming elections. In view of the new atmosphere they have created, will they see that the leadership of all the parties is released so that they can join with all of us to fight the wrong forces and join the mainstream of Naxalites?

MR. SPEAKER The latter portion is not necessary as part of the question.

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH

Am I expected to give a reply to the hon. Members?—There can possibly be only four categories those who are detainees and no case is pending against them. About them I have already explained the Government's policy that the orders are being issued for their immediate release. There is another category against whom investigations into acts of violence are being carried on. We have asked for expeditious investigation. There is yet a third category of cases which are under trial. We

are still asking the State Governments to expedite the trial and to do their best to see that the cases are finalised as early as possible. There is yet a fourth category of those people who are being convicted. As regards these convictions, our policy is that they must run their full course. Law must have its course in regard to these gentlemen.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO May I know from the hon. Minister if a reference has been made to the Orissa Government about the number of Naxalites in Orissa prisons including those against whom some cases are pending because Naxalite activities in Orissa are on the border and I know in the Koraput district some Naxalites are in prison. I want to know whether any reference has been made to Orissa Government and what is the reply of the Orissa Government, because the hon. Minister has said that the information received from the State Government says that none from Orissa seems to be in jail.

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH I am having queries made from all the State Governments.

DR. BALDEV PRAKASH I would like to know from the hon. Home Minister that he has just said that in case of violence State Governments have been asked to expedite the investigation. But we know that the cases of violence have been falsely fabricated. In those cases the Union Government will take universal steps to institute an independent Central enquiry to go into cases whether they are false cases or even those false cases were against us when we were put into jail. So what steps the Central Government will take to investigate whether those cases are false cases or true cases of violence had happened.

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH It is only the courts which will be

able to decide whether the cases are false or true. In such cases which are under trial Government cannot possibly appoint any other authority to decide whether they are actually guilty or not. It is for the courts to decide. I can only say that the proceeding authorities will take notice of the attitude of the Government but we cannot say to them that the cases be withdrawn which, perhaps, the courts will not allow and there may be fresh investigation for them.

श्री मधू ललिते नयाकयित नवसल
वादिवा श्री नवसलवादी वंदियो के ऊपर
जो अत्यं चार किए गए हैं जैसे भागलपुर
विश्वविद्यालय के प्रो० चक्रवर्ती के एक
सड़के को प्रशांत कुमार का भागलपुर जेल
में बाहर लाया गया और गोरो से पुलिस ने
मार दिया और रिपोर्ट कर दी कि वह भाग
रहे थे इसलिए उनका भारा गया है उनमें
क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वयं कुछ दखल देगी
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गवर्नमेंट इस मिल मिले में मतरुट नहीं होगी
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सरकार उन सिलसिलों में क्या कर सकती
है।

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR I should like to know from the hon. Minister, how many of those prisoners were women? Has the hon. Minister any information with regard to the torture committed on women prisoners?

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH I have no information.

Grievances of Staff Artistes of A.I.R.

*24 SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to long standing grievances of the Staff Artistes of All India Radio

(b) if so the facts thereof and

(c) steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) Yes Sir

(b) and (c) The grievances of Staff Artistes are brought to the notice of the Government from time to time through various sources as during Informal Consultative Committee meetings held with the Staff Artistes Union at Ministry, Directorate and Station level, through individual representations through Members of Parliament or other public figures. Such grievances are looked into and wherever feasible, removed. The long standing grievances of the Staff Artistes mainly relate to the betterment of their fee scales grant of retirement benefits and providing of more promotional channels. A statement in this regard is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Some of the more important and long standing grievances of Staff Artistes and the action taken on them.

| S No. | Grievances | Action taken/proposed to be taken |
|-------|---|---|
| 1 | Revision of fee scales on the basis of the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission. | Fee scales of Staff Artistes have been revised in Jan-1976. They have been given effect from 1-1-1973. |
| 2 | Grant of retirement benefits. | Staff Artistes have been made eligible for gratuity under certain conditions in addition to C.P.F. with effect from 1st December, 1973. |
| 3 | Providing more promotional channels. | The Recruitment Rules of Staff Artistes were revised in 1976 with a view to provide more promotional channels. |

SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE.

From the statement it appears that whatever action had been taken, had been taken by the past government. After the installation of the new government, may I know whether any new representation had been received about their demands and whether the government had given any consideration to those demands and if so what is the result?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI There have been some representations made individually. I propose to meet the association people and other artists

also shortly after the session is over. I have been trying to acquaint myself with their problems. I have categorised the three main problems that were there for a long time. By and large I can say that today the staff artists, broadly speaking, are on par with other government employees, the main difference being with regard to pension. They are not eligible to pension as government employees are, but that is in a way compensated by the gratuity provided to them. On that point also there are some grievances and they would be looked into.

श्री उपसैन : अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी के उत्तर से सम्बन्धित। क्या मंत्री जी उन की शिकायतों को दूर करने के लिए यह बात मोच रहे हैं, इस पर विचार कर रहे हैं, कि आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन को एक कौन्सिल बना दिया जाय और इन के कर्मचारियों को भी उस में प्रतिनिधित्व दे दिया जाय ताकि अपने मामले स्वयं निपटा सकें ?

श्री लाल कृष्ण भाट्टानी : वैसे वह एक व्यापक सवाल है। इस के बारे में हमारी सरकार की नीति है कि देश के अन्दर आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन जैसे माध्यमों को एक स्वायत्त निकाय होना चाहिए। लेकिन स्टाफ आर्टिस्ट्स के सवाल ऐसा है कि कोई भी स्ट्रक्चरल चेंज हम करें या न करें लेकिन स्टाफ आर्टिस्ट्स के ग्रीवासेज हम को सुलझाने चाहिए, इस के बारे में कोई दो मत नहीं हैं।

Deaths of Detenus in Jail or on Parole during Emergency

*25. SHRIMATI BRUHA GHOSH GOSWAMY:

SHRI BASAIR AHMAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of detenus State-wise who died in jail during the period of emergency;

(b) whether Government propose to institute an enquiry into the conditions leading to their deaths while in prison; and

(c) the number of detenus who died while on parole?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH: (a) and (c): A statement showing total number of persons detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act, 1971, who either died in custody or while on parole during the period of emergency in various States and Union Territories, except Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, is laid on the Table of the House.

The information in respect of the States of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.... ((Interruptions)).

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA: They will never supply.

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH: I am not so pessimistic

(b) The State Governments are being advised to hold a Magisterial enquiry into all cases of deaths of MISA detenus in custody wherever it has not been conducted so far.

STATEMENT

Number of persons detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act, 1971, who either died in custody or while on parole during the period of emergency in various States and Union Territories except Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.

| Sl. No.] | Name of the State/Union Territory | Number of detenus | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | who died in custody | who died on parole |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Nil | 1 |
| 2. | Assam | Nil | Nil |
| 3 | Bihar | 4 | Nil |

| S No. | Name of the State/Union Territory | Number of detenues who died in custody | Number of detenues who died on parole |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 4 | Gujarat | 4 | 3 |
| 5 | Himachal Pradesh | 1 | Nil |
| 6 | Jammu & Kashmir | 2 | Nil |
| 7 | Karnataka | 1 | Nil |
| 8 | Kerala | 1 | Nil |
| 9 | Maharashtra | 10 | 2 |
| 10 | Manipur | Nil | Nil |
| 11 | Meghalaya | Nil | Nil |
| 12 | Nagaland | Nil | Nil |
| 13 | Orissa | Nil | Nil |
| 14 | Punjab | Nil | Nil |
| 15 | Rajasthan | Nil | Nil |
| 16 | Sikkim | Nil | Nil |
| 17 | Tamil Nadu | 2 | Nil |
| 18 | Tripura | Nil | Nil |
| 19 | Uttar Pradesh | 14 | information withheld |
| <i>Union Territories</i> | | | |
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | Nil | Nil |
| 2 | Andaman & Nicobar | Nil | Nil |
| 3 | Chandigarh | Nil | 1 |
| 4 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | Nil | Nil |
| 5 | Delhi | 2 | 2 |
| 6 | Goa, Daman and Diu | Nil | Nil |
| 7 | Lakshadweep | Nil | Nil |
| 8 | Mizoram | Nil | Nil |
| 9 | Pondicherry | Nil | Nil |
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SHRI BASHIR AHMAD So many atrocities were committed on the people by the former regime and the people were put to untold sufferings. In today's 'The Statesman' newspaper the former Prime Minister defended herself and her son even today. And not only that. She had also accused some of the former opposition members that the charges were made on false allegations. Now I would like to know when the Commission of Enquiry would be instituted. Whether it would go into the various charges against those involved in the perpetration of atrocities on the people who were in jail? Whether the Hon'ble Minister is aware of the fact that one film actress Mrs. Snehlata was also tortured and after her release she died? I want to know whether the Enquiry Commission will go into these matters. A Magisterial enquiry on these matters is hardly sufficient to find out the extent of atrocities that have been committed on the people. A large number of persons have died as a result of atrocities committed on the people while in jail. Will the

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SHRI RAMA CHANDRA MALICK Mr Speaker Sir, I want to know from the Hon'ble Home Minister through you regarding the persons who were detained under the MISA. Out of those who were detained under MISA, 50 persons have died so far—41 in jail and 9 on parole. This information is as per the Government report. I want to know whether any financial assistance or interim relief has so far been given or proposed to be given to the family members by the State Governments concerned or by the Central Government after considering their financial position.

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*26 **SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether the Government propose to institute an enquiry into the methods and behaviour of the press censor officials while censoring the newspaper manuscripts in various States?

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| 4 | Gujarat | 4 | 3 |
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| 13 | Orissa | Nil | Nil |
| 14 | Punjab | Nil | Nil |
| 15 | Rajasthan | Nil | Nil |
| 16 | Sikkim | Nil | Nil |
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| 18 | Tripura | Nil | Nil |
| 19 | Uttar Pradesh | 14 | Information awaited |

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THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) There is no proposal for a general, formal enquiry. If however any specific complaints are made they will be enquired into.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER May I know whether the government is aware of the fact that the Ministry and the Chief Censor Officer issued directives from time to time and whether those directives will be placed on the Table of the House? I also want to know the names of the papers and journals which were forced to stop their publication as per those directives. I also want to know whether the former Information & Broadcasting Minister himself intervened through his officers to ensure that the news of the attack against his rival candidate Shri Kaushik and his supporters was suppressed by the local press at the time of the election and if so whether the government would enquire into the conduct of the former Information & Broadcasting Minister during the period of the emergency?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I have no objection to laying on the Table the guidelines that were issued by the censors to the press. I will try to get a full and comprehensive glimpse into the working of the censorship machinery. About the case just cited I am aware that some news which related to the attack on the rival candidate in the election was sought to be suppressed and some action was taken to remedy it.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER He said he would lay the guidelines. I asked about the directives.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI The purpose of the question would be served

if we have a view of the guidelines. I would have to go into the directives in detail. There have been a large number of directives and directions, many of them orally and a few of them in writing. This Government's position is that censorship no longer exists. All the guidelines have been withdrawn and the entire set-up also has been in a way wound up.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER My second supplementary is -

MR. SPEAKER You have already put it. Mr. Kundu.

SHRI S. KUNDU During the period of emergency, we passed through an era of aggressive publicity launched by the then Minister of Information & Broadcasting.

AN HON. MEMBER By the Prime Minister.

SHRI S. KUNDU During that black era the free arm of the press was systematically and deliberately twisted and the censor was used as an evil instrument. The I&B Ministry used the entire instrument of information & broadcasting the censor, the TV, the press to propagate lies and untruth which even Goebbels will fight shy of doing. Now, the hon. Minister said about the guidelines. Some censors in order to please the Ministers and the Prime Minister did something which was not covered in the guidelines. There are so many cases. Take the case of *The Indian Express*, *The Statesman*, *The Janata* etc. Many language dailies—I do not want to go into that. I would like to know whether the hon. Minister would make an announcement that such cases where even the censors had crossed the bounds of the guidelines would be enquired into and suitable action would be taken. Secondly the hon. Minister would kindly assure this House that the entire action of the Information & Broadcasting Ministry would also be enquired into and a report would be placed on the Table of the House. 7

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I would not deny that in many of the directions that have been brought to my notice, I find that they did not come within the purview of the guidelines. But in all the cases that have been brought to my notice I feel it has been done under the direction of the Minister at that time.

PROF P. G. MAVALANKAR The question relates specifically to the methods and behaviour of the press censor officials. My friend the Minister has just now said that Government's policy is not to have an overall general review of the entire practice of censor officials. In view of the fact however that the methods and behaviour of many of the press officials involved not only giving orders orally but doing things without even oral orders in order to please the higher ups and prove to be holier than holy, what kind of action Government propose to initiate *suo motu* on the complaints received from press proprietors and editors from reporters and columnists of newspapers, weekly magazines, etc.? I as a writer and columnist was also one of the victims of this kind of obnoxious and ugly press censorship when we were not allowed to print our weekly paper by the orders which did not come to us directly but through the orders which did go to the printer. All these things are required to be enquired into so that not only in my life time and in the life time of the Minister but in the entire life time of the Nation such things do not happen.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I agree in toto with the hon. Member when he said that it should be our responsibility to enquire into obnoxious and ugly things of this kind which are in a way a blot on the otherwise very remarkable history of press freedom in India so that such things do not occur again. Statutory safeguards and even at the administrative level, remedial safeguards are being processed. I would be willing to be guided by your advice also.

श्री राम नरेश बूढाबाहा मध्यम महोदय मे ब्यवस्था का प्रश्न उठाना चाहता हूँ। हम लोगो को जा प्रश्नो की सूची मिली है उसमें 1 और 2 नम्बर का प्रश्न नहीं है। प्रश्न नं० 3 हमें मिला है। बाकी 1 और 2 नम्बर के प्रश्न डी लिस्टे हैं।

MR. SPEAKER It will come after the Question Hour.

PROF. DILIP CHAKRAVARTY I would like to know whether the Minister of Information and Broadcasting is aware that the Calcutta station of All India Radio was prevented from having Tagore's songs sung from the All India Radio. His song "Ekla Chalore" which was very popular with Gandhiji himself was prevented from being broadcast by it and the famous poem "Prithvi" was being prevented from being recited on Air Calcutta. This was done during Emergency. Is the Minister of Information and Broadcasting aware of it? What steps is he going to take? Is the Minister aware that in tune with the India is Indira theory the former Prime Minister's teachings were being monitored through the All India Radio even a few hours before asking the voters to vote for Congress? What steps are going to be taken in this connection?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI Instances of the type of blacking out of Tagore's song "Ekla Chalore" as the hon. Member has just pointed out have come to my notice. They are very unfortunate. We would see to it that nothing of this kind recurs not merely during our tenure but forever in India.

Naval Training Centre at Chhika

*27 **SHRI GANANATH PRADHAN** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether construction work of Naval Training Centre at Chhika in Orissa has already started

- (b) if so the facts thereof and
(c) when it is to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) Yes,
Sir

(b) and (c) The land has been acquired. The civil works have been divided into two phases. Phase I has been further split into two sub-phases. The first sub-phase is planned to make the establishment functional with minimum facilities. This sub-phase involving an expenditure of Rs 2.2 crores is under execution and is expected to be completed in early 1979. The second sub-phase involving an expenditure of about Rs 1.19 crores will provide other facilities and amenities for the establishment, and is expected to be completed by the end of 1979. Phase II of the project will be taken up after the completion of Phase I.

The Boys Training Establishment will start functioning as soon as the first sub-phase of Phase I is completed.

श्री गणनाथ प्रधान मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि पहले विनन स्पेस का बजट था और विनना काम हुआ और उसमें क्या क्या बटिना दिया है उनके कारण टीक से काम नहीं चल पा रहा है ?

श्री जगजीवन राम काम तो चल रहा है । 1979 के प्रारम्भ में पहला फेज पूरा हो जायेगा और उसके बाद लडकी की भर्ती शुरू हो जायेगी ।

श्री गणनाथ प्रधान मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो बटिना दिया है जैसे पानी की बमो क वारे में लिखा है लेकिन उसका समाधान नहीं किया गया है और काम नहीं चल रहा है ताकि बटिना दिया को देखना है या नहीं ?

श्री जगजीवन राम यह नहीं बताया कि काम नहीं चल रहा है । वहां पर बनावेज का शुरू करने के लिए जो बम से कम आवश्यकताएँ हैं उनका पूरा किया जा रहा है । यह तो मानी हुई बात है कि यह जो काम होता उसमें पीने के पानी का इंतजाम करना अनिवार्य होगा और यह भी किया जायेगा ।

SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO We are all aware that the navy is going to play a very prominent role in the defence of our country. Apart from that our country is fortunate in locating huge oil reserves in Bombay High. We are also aware that already 2 million tonnes are going to be produced and by 1980 about 10 million tonnes of oil are going to come from the off-shore oil drilling. In the changed circumstances, particularly since we have to safeguard these huge installations, what active steps are being taken to increase the number of training personnel to facilitate the navy in this task?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM That is exactly the scheme. At present we have a training establishment at Visakhapatnam where we train annually 600 boys. The programme is to admit 900 now and ultimately increase it to 1200 annually.

SHRI S. KUNDU While asking this question, may I make a fervent appeal to the hon. Defence Minister to bear in mind that Orissa is a backward State like Bihar? This scheme has already been delayed too long. An announcement has been made today that the training school will start early 1979. Can he make an announcement that it will start early 1978 instead of early 1979?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM It means advancing it by one year. I am examining whether it is physically

possible to complete all the minimum requirements to complete the programme by that time

Advertisements of DAVP and Railways etc to smaller and medium Newspapers

*28 SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJI Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to increase the amount of advertisements of DAVP, Railways and other public undertakings to smaller and medium newspapers, and

(b) if so the quantum of increase in terms of money to be paid for the advertisements to those papers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L K ADVANI) (a) and (b) Advertisements are released to newspapers to meet varying publicity requirements and not as a measure of financial assistance. But remaining within these limitations, small and medium newspapers, particularly those published in Indian languages will be used for Government advertisements on an increasing scale. The question is therefore being looked into in detail.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE The hon Minister said that advertisements are not to be given for financial assistance. But in a country where the bigger newspapers are controlled by the monopoly houses, is it not the Government's policy to encourage the small and medium newspapers and young journals? How do you expect them to increase their circulation without assistance from the Government through the medium of advertisements which

was distorted during the last emergency? Is the Government thinking about laying down some policy or norm to help the distribution of advertisements in a fair manner?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI As I have said it cannot be simply for financial assistance. Otherwise, advertisement becomes an instrument of political patronage and political leverage, which the Government does not want to do. But within these constraints, Government would like to evolve a policy which might include a measure of weightage in the case of smaller and medium newspapers particularly those which are in the regional languages.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE In so far as the issue of advertisements to regional papers or weeklies is concerned so far as Calcutta weekly Jansakti is concerned, although the DAVP has withdrawn the suspension order the Railway Board and other authorities are not issuing the advertisements to it? Will the Minister kindly look into that? Secondly what is the quantum of advertisement given to a journal called Surya, which has got an artificial growth? What was the financial assistance given to this journal, which is nothing but a by-product of emergency?

SHRI L K ADVANI There are two cases one in which it has been pointed out to me that railway advertisements are not being given to a paper I will look into it. So far as Surya is concerned I need notice.

SHRI K. MALLANNA What is the policy of the new Government regarding advertisements of the DAVP to the monopoly press?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI We have a positive policy in this matter, not a

negative policy, and that positive policy is to see that in the matter of giving advertisements, the small and medium papers, particularly in the Indian languages are in a way favoured.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Resignation of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

सं. 3 SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India has resigned from his post or not?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) Shri P N Haksar has submitted his resignation as Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, but he has been requested to continue for sometime more to enable Government to make suitable alternative arrangements.

श्री तेज प्रताप सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि नये बरतों के नये बजट में नई नीतियों के समावेश किये जाते हैं और नये प्रावधान बनने होंगे, तो उन के सम्बन्ध में योजना आयोग के सम्बन्ध में क्या उपाध्यक्ष, जिन का योगदान बजट में होता है, का प्रतिनिधित्व परिवर्तन करने के लिए कब तक कदम उठाएंगे ?

श्री मोरारजी देसाई : जिनको जन्दी हो सकेगा, हम करेंगे।

श्री तेज प्रताप सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री जी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि हमारे देश में क्या ऐसे नियमों का प्रतिवर्तन नहीं

है कि नई सरकार के आने से योजना आयोग के उपाध्यक्ष, सभी सदस्य, राजदूत और गवर्नरों को इन्वीट कर दे देना चाहिए ? यदि ऐसे कुछ नियम नहीं हैं तो जो जनतांत्रिक देश में सम्भव परम्परा और पद्धति है, उस का ध्यान में रखते हुए क्या ऐसे नियम लागू करने की कृपा करेंगे कि नई सरकार के आते ही ऐसे कार्य लागू होंगे ?

श्री मोरारजी देसाई : दूसरों की नज़रें बरतने को हमें जरूर नहीं है।

श्री रामधारी शास्त्री : क्या ऐसा तो नहीं है कि उन का इन्वीट न होना करने की बात हो ?

श्री मोरारजी देसाई : वे रहना नहीं चाहते हैं।

श्री सरदार दादर : आगत काल की वस की झाड़वर प्रधान मंत्री, श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी जी और हमारे माहव और ये सारे लोग उन के मेतापति थे। जब इन चुनावों ने आगत काल की वस के झाड़वर को बाहर निकाल दिया है, तो मैं आपके द्वारा प्रधान मंत्री जी से कहना चाहता हूँ कि इन को भी निकाला जाए और उन का रेजिनेशन जन्दी से मजूर किया जाए। (ध्वजवाहन)

श्री मोरारजी देसाई : तत्काल इन्वीट मजूर करने से रहा पर कुछ रहेगा नहीं। इसलिए जो कुछ करना है, वह सोच विचार कर करना है। सब बातों को सोच कर इन का निपट करेंगे।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Problem of educated unemployment

*29 SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a new policy to tackle effectively the problem of educated unemployment; and

(b) if so, the main features regarding the magnitude of the problem and the action proposed to be taken?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) and (b) Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the Acting President of India's Address to Parliament on March 28, 1977, in which the broad approach of

the Government in the economic sphere has been spelt out. Government is intensely aware of the problem of rural, urban and educated unemployment. It was in recognition of this that in the Address it was specifically stated that Government propose to follow an employment-oriented strategy, in which primacy will be given to the development of agriculture, agro-industries, small and cottage industries especially in rural areas. However, at this precise stage it is not possible to translate that broad strategy into specific programmes.

As regards the magnitude of the problem of educated unemployment, those registered with employment exchanges on December 31, 1976, number 51 05 lakhs. A statement is laid on the Table of the House giving a categorywise break-up of the figure.

STATEMENT

Number of Educated job-seekers (Matriculates and above) on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31st December, 1976 classified by educational level.

(In thousands)

| Sl No | Educational level | Number on Live Register as on 31-12-1976 (P) |
|-------|--|--|
| 1. | Matriculates | 2829.1 |
| 2. | Persons who passed Higher Secondary (including Intermediates/ Under-graduates) | 1255.2 |
| 3. | Graduates (including Post-Graduates) Total : | 1020.4 |
| | (i) Arts | 469.0 |
| | (ii) Science | 266.1 |
| | (iii) Commerce | 145.5 |
| | (iv) Engineering | 18.4 |
| | (v) Medicine | 8.6 |
| | (vi) Veterinary | 0.5 |
| | (vii) Agriculture | 9.2 |
| | (viii) Law | 3.2 |
| | (ix) Education | 90.3 |
| | (x) Others | 8.7 |
| | Total : | 5104.1 |

Notes: I The information is collected at half-yearly intervals ending June and December each year.

II Excludes figures for University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaux except for those in Delhi.

III Figures given above do not add up to total due to rounding off.

IV P: Provisional

Report of Sarkaria Commission

*30 SHRI K GOPAL Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received the report of Sarkaria Commission of enquiry set up to enquire into certain charges of corruption against the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and

(b) if so the steps proposed to be taken on the report?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) and (b) The Sarkaria Commission of Inquiry submitted its First Report on 19th January 1977 which relates to 9 items covered by seven allegations into which inquiry has been completed. A copy of the Report, along with a Memorandum of the action taken thereon, was laid on the Table of the House on the 1st April 1977

Arrests under DIR and MISA during Emergency

*31 PROF SHIBBANLAL SAKSENA

SHRI HUKMDEV NARAIN YADAV

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of arrests made since 25th June 1975 month wise under DIR and MISA upto 20th March 1977

(b) whether any of them are still in jails and

(c) if so the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURY CHARAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) Information regarding month wise arrests under MISA and

the particulars of persons still in detention are being collected from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House During the period 25th June 1975 to 19th March 1977 34630 persons were detained under Maintenance of Internal Security Act Out of these declarations under section 16A of MISA were made in respect of 28386 persons and all these have been released on the revocation of emergency proclaimed on 25th June 1975 on 21st March 1977

2 Information in respect of the arrests under DISIR is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Maruti Ltd.

*32 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) how many bus bodies and road rollers have been built by Maruti Ltd., Haryana and

(b) who are the buyers of these bodies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) and (b) The Central Government have not granted any Industrial licence or registration to Maruti Limited Haryana for the manufacture of bus bodies or road rollers It is reported by the Directorate of Industries Haryana that M/s Maruti Heavy Vehicles (Private) Limited Haryana are registered as a small scale unit for the manufacture of road rollers Since the activities relating to manufacture of road rollers and bus bodies have not been registered/licensed with the Central Government, no production and other statistics in respect of these items are available with the Government of India.

नजरबन्द व्यक्तियों को निर्वाह भत्ता

*33. श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नायक :

श्री राधव जी :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या आन्तरिक सुरक्षा बनाये रखना अधिनियम और भारत रक्षा नियमों के अन्तर्गत नजरबन्द किये गये लोगों के उन परिवारों को, जिनके पाम जीविका उपार्जन का कोई साधन नहीं था, सरकार द्वारा कोई निर्वाह भत्ता दिया गया था, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उसका सक्षिप्त व्योरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्री (चौधरी चरण सिंह) :

(क) भारत रक्षा तथा आन्तरिक सुरक्षा नियमों में किसी व्यक्ति के निवारक निरोध की व्यवस्था नहीं है। इन नियमों के अधीन गिरफ्तार किये गये व्यक्तियों को निर्वाह भत्ता स्वीकृत करने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है। आन्तरिक सुरक्षा बनाये रखना अधिनियम, 1971 के अधीन नजरबन्द किये गये व्यक्तियों के बारे में अधिकांश राज्य सरकारों ने नजरबन्द व्यक्तियों के परिवारों का भत्ता स्वीकृत करने के लिए नियम बनाये हैं। उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार अमम, बिहार, गुजरात, हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू व कश्मीर, कर्नाटक, केरल, नागालैण्ड, उड़ीसा, पंजाब, राजस्थान, तमिलनाडु, उत्तर प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल की सरकारों और चण्डीगढ़ प्रशासन ने अनीत में नजरबन्द व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को भत्ता स्वीकृत किया है।

(ख) नजरबन्द व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को भत्ता स्वीकृत करने के सम्बन्ध में विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों द्वारा की गई व्यवस्था के सक्षिप्त व्योरे का विवरण सदन के पटल पर रखा जाता है। [रेखिये सरया एल० टी० -101/77]

Setting up of a Commission to inquire into excesses during Emergency

*34 SHRI SAMAR GUHA:

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government propose to set up a high power National Commission to hold public enquiry into the cases of firing, lathi charge and other repressive measures adopted by Government inside and outside prison during Emergency?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURY CHARAN SINGH). The Government are aware of the need to inquire into complaints of various misdeeds, malpractices, repressive measures, etc., during the period of the Emergency. The whole matter is under close examination and the Government will make a statement on the floor of the House during the current Session.

Censorship on Publication of Proceedings of both Houses of Parliament

*35 SHRI B C KAMBLE Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether certain orders were issued by Union Government censoring publication in newspapers of proceedings of both Houses of Parliament and particularly the speeches of the then Opposition members, and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the authority under which those orders were issued?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) During the short session of Parliament held in July-August, 1973 pre-censorship was imposed on all proceedings under the orders of then Minister of Information and Broadcasting. Barring statements of Ministers which did not infringe censorship,

no other speeches were allowed to be reported. For the session held in January 1976 pre censorship was restricted to proceedings which fell within the scope of the Censorship Order. Pre censorship was completely relaxed from March 1976 but editors and correspondents were asked to abide by certain special guidelines issued by the Chief Censor with the approval of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Industries in Haldia Complex

*36 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARA
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the time target fixed for the completion of the various industries in the Haldia complex,

(b) the present position of each,

(c) the time by which the various industries will start production and by what time they will reach production optimum, and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite completion of various projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) to (d) In so far as Ministry of Industry is concerned during the years 1974-76 14 letters of Intent and one industrial licence were issued. These letters of Intent and industrial licence are at various stages of completion and it normally takes three to four years for a project to fructify. The authority to extend, cancel and revoke industrial licence and letters of Intent issued to entrepreneurs has been delegated to the Administrative Ministries who are responsible for completion and for keeping a watch on the progress of approved project. The detailed information regarding starting and completion of various projects is not readily available.

It is understood that the State Government of West Bengal has obtained

land for the establishment of an industrial estate for small scale industries in Haldia Complex. Construction of sheds in the industrial estate is yet to be started and therefore the establishment of small scale units will start only after the sheds are completed. This is a subject for the State Government and cause of delay in implementation is not known to centre.

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन को स्वायत्तता से निगम बनाया जाना

*37 श्री जगदेवर प्रसाद यादव •
श्री पी० वें० कोटियान •

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन को स्वायत्तता से निगम में बदलने का है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कब तक ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी) : (क) तथा (ख) •
मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

आकाशवाणी के कार्यक्रम की जाँच

*38. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान •

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार आकाशवाणी के कार्यक्रम की जाँच करने का है, और

(ख) क्या आकाशवाणी द्वारा आन्तरिक घापों की श्रवण के दौरान किये गये कार्यों की भी जाँच की जायेगी ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी) : (क) और (ख) •
मामले में औपचारिक जाँच करने का क्रियान्वयन

कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तथापि, आपात स्थिति की अवधि के दौरान लिये गये ऐसे नियमों, जो आपातस्थिति पूर्व मानकों के किसी भी प्रकार से विपरीत हैं, का पुनर्विलोकन कर उनमें संशोधन किया जा रहा है।

News Items relating to Sanjay Gandhi

*39 SHRI R. K. MHALGI Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state how many news items relating to Shri Sanjay Gandhi have been released on All India Radio during the period from 1st January 1976 to 18th January 1977?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) One hundred and ninety two in the Central news bulletins broadcast from Delhi

Inquiry into damage to Kidneys of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan

*40 SHRI S. KUNDU Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government have decided to institute an enquiry to find out how the kidneys of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan were damaged during his period of detention in the jail?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Government have decided to hold an enquiry into this matter. The exact mode of enquiry and its scope will be determined in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Planning.

Scholarships for Students of Sainik School, Chitorgarh

51 SHRI O. P. TYAGI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 230 on the 10th

March 1976 regarding increase in amount of scholarships for students of Sainik School Chitorgarh and state

(a) whether the school authorities of Sainik School, Chitorgarh have again asked the parents of students to deposit the balance amount for the year 1975-76 and 1976-77 after the lapse of one year, and

(b) if so the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) According to the information received from the Sainik School, Chitorgarh the parents of students were asked to remit the difference of amount of fees pending receipt of the same from the Delhi Administration. The money so realised from the parents will however be refunded after payment is received from the Delhi Administration. According to the information received from the Delhi Administration, necessary funds have now been arranged by re-appropriation and the payment of additional amount is being authorised.

दिल्ली में सुपर बाजार को शायाओं में
लाना/हानि

52 श्री नारायण कृष्ण शंकर : क्या नागरिक पुति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली में गत दो वर्षों में सुपर बाजार की विभिन्न शाखाओं में से प्रत्येक शाखा में कितना कितना सामान/हानि हुआ ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पुति और सहकारिता मंत्री (श्री मोहन पारिया) वात्सपरेणिव स्टार लि०, (सुपर बाजार), दिल्ली में केन्द्रित तथा विधि प्रणाली है, जिसमें शाखावार सामान, हानि की स्थिति नहीं दर्शायी जाती। सहकारिता वर्ष 30 जून, को समाप्त होता है, प्रत्येक पिछले

दो पूर्ण सहकारिता वर्ष 1974-75 और 1975-76 हैं। वर्ष 1974-75 और 1975-76 के लेखाओं की सभी लेखा परीक्षा चल रही है। अन्तिम बच्चे लेखाओं के अनुसार, गुरर बाजार ने वर्ष 1974-75 और 1975-76 में क्रमशः लगभग 4 46 लाख रु० और 7 26 लाख रु० का मुद्रा लाभ बनाया है।

मध्य प्रदेश में "भांगुरा" (मीठा) के मधीन बन्दी

53 श्री मोहन भैया क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) भांगुरा स्थिति के दौरान "भांगुरा" के मधीन मध्य प्रदेश में किनने भविष्य गिरफ्तार किये गये,

(ख) उनमें कितने राजनैतिक तथा किनने कितने व्यक्ति भांगुरा अपराधों तथा अन्य कारणों से गिरफ्तार किये गये,

(ग) कितने 'भांगुरा' बन्दी जेलों में मृत्यु की प्राप्ति हुए,

(घ) किन-किन जेलों में लाठी-चार्ज किया गया और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में कोई न्यायिक जांच की गई, और

(ङ) यदि हा, तो उनके क्या परिणाम निकले ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री श्री चरण सिंह) .

(क) 25 जून, 1975 से 19 मार्च, 1977 तक की अवधि में मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में आन्तरिक सुरक्षा बनाये रखना अधिनियम, 1971 के मधीन 5550 व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये थे।

(ख) से (ङ) - राज्य सरकार से सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Maharashtra-Karnataka boundary dispute

54 SHRI ANVASAHEB GOT-KHINDE Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the broad outlines of the efforts that are intended to be made by the Government to evolve a satisfactory solution of the long standing Maharashtra-Karnataka boundary dispute, and

(b) whether Government intend to lay any time limit to solve the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH)

(a) and (b) The whole matter has still to be viewed by present Government. At this stage it is difficult to give an outline of the efforts proposed to be taken or to set a time limit for reaching a satisfactory solution. The endeavour of Government will be to settle the matter as early as possible.

Allotment of House Sites in Andamans

55 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to allot house sites to houseless industrial workers and agricultural land to landless Kisans, and workers in Andamans, and

(b) if so the criteria of allotment and when it will be done?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH)

(a) and (b) A good number of house sites have been allotted to houseless persons in Andamans. Most of such persons are industrial workers.

(b) Agricultural land is allotted under the provisions contained in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulation and rules framed thereunder. At present there is no cultivable land available in the Islands.

मध्य प्रदेश में सीमेंट कारखाने

56 श्री सुलेन्द्र सिंह क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में सीमेंट कारखाना की स्थापना करने का सम्बन्ध में कोई निगम किया गया है,

(ख) यदि हाँ तो कितने स्थानों पर इसकी स्थापना की जावगी, और

(ग) मँहर सतना जिन में जा सीमेंट का कारखाना स्थापित किया जाना है उसका वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री बृजलाल वर्मा,
(क) और (ख) जो हाँ। भारतीय सीमेंट निगम मध्य प्रदेश में सीमेंट के दो कारखाने—एक अकनतरा (जिला बिलासपुर में) और दूसरा नीमच (जिला मन्दसौर में) लगा रहा है। ये विद्यमान माँडर (जिला रायपुर) एक्क का विस्तार भी कर रहे हैं। निजी क्षेत्र (प्राइवेट सेक्टर) में मे० सेन्चुरी सीमेंट लि० को मोहर (जिला सतना) में सीमेंट का एक एक्क स्थापित करने के लिए लाइसेंस प्रदान किया गया है। मे० मैसूर साईं लि० को भी नरसिंह में एक साईं सप्ल स्थापित करने के लिए भाष्य पत्र स्वीकार किया गया है।

(ग) मे० सेन्चुरी सीमेंट लि० ने खनिज पट्टे प्राप्त करने, भूमि का अधिग्रहण करने बिजली और पानी के सभरण (सप्लाई) के लिए व्यवस्था करने और माल लाने ले जाने के सम्बन्ध में रेलवे से स्वीकृति प्राप्त करने सम्बन्धी प्रारम्भिक आवश्यक अभ्युपाय पहले ही कर लिये हैं। यह भी समझा जाता है कि सप्ल और मशीनों के लिए क्रयार्थ भी दिए जा चुके हैं।

Drinking Water to Backward Classes in West Bengal

57 DR BIJOY MONDAL Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether any amount has been allotted to West Bengal for supply of drinking water to villages inhabited by Harijans Adivasis and other backward communities and

(b) if so the amount allotted in the year 1976-77 and the number of villages covered?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH)

(a) and (b) There is no Central Scheme for supply of drinking water to villages inhabited by Harijans Adivasis and other backward communities. However under the Minimum Needs Programme of the State Sector an amount of Rs 745 lakhs has been provided for rural water supply programme for the year 1976-77. This will cover all the rural areas of the State including those inhabited by Harijans, Adivasis and other backward communities. In addition a Special Central Assistance of Rs 658 455 has been allotted during 1976-77 for rural water supply covering 257 villages in tribal sub plan areas of the State.

विमान दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गये व्यक्ति

58 श्रीमती चन्द्रावती क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या हिसार रेलवे लाइन पर ऊपरी पुल के उन्धाटन के अवसर के लिए हरियाणा के राज्यपाल स्व० श्री बी० एन० चक्रवर्ती पर विमान संपुर्ण वर्षा करने सम्बन्धी पूर्वाभ्यास के दौरान कितने विमान दुर्घटनाग्रस्त हुए और कितने व्यक्ति मारे गये,

(ख) क्या उक्त घटना की कोई जांच की गई थी, और

(ग) पूर्वोक्त के दौरान मारे गए कमचारियों को कितना मुआवजा दिया गया ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम)

(क) रक्षा सेवाओं का कोई विमान उक्त अवसर पर किसी दुर्घटना में सम्मिलित नहीं था ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Projects in Kerala

59 DR HENRY AUSTIN Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the project launched by the Government of Kerala to start atleast one industry in one District and

(b) whether the Government of India propose to give liberal support to the Government of Kerala to implement the project speedily?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) The Ministry is not aware of the particular scheme referred to by the Honble Member. The details of the scheme have been called for from the State Government.

(b) The question of giving assistance to the State Government will be considered on receipt of the necessary details from the State Government.

Alleged beating of voters in Dendallow Village in Andhra Pradesh

60 SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that some Scheduled Caste Harijan

voters were beaten by some group of people during polling time on the 16th March 1977 at Dendallow village in Eluru parliamentary constituency No 11 in Andhra Pradesh and also they were admitted in the hospital, and

(b) if so the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH)

(a) and (b) The name of the village is Dendalur and not Dendallow. According to information received from Andhra Pradesh Government at about 3.00 p.m. on 16th March 1977 there was a clash between Congress and Janata Party Supporters. 8 Congress supporters received injuries of whom 7 are Harijans. One of the injured is still in the Hospital and the remaining 7 were discharged after treatment. A case has been registered and investigation is underway. 15 persons belonging to Janata Party have been arrested while one person is absconding.

Censorship on Films

61 SHRI SOUGATA ROY Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the Government's thinking with regard to censorship particularly kissing and nudity in films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) It has been the policy of Government to enforce censorship as laid down in the Cinematograph Act 1902 and the Rules and Directions issued thereunder. As regards kissing and nudity vulgar or indecent scenes of an offending nature are not permitted. While a sex theme by itself is not prohibited its treatment should be aesthetic and sensitive so that generally people do not feel offended by the manner of its depiction.

Report of Sarkaria Commission

62 SHRI O V ALAGESAN Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to lay a copy of the Report of the Sarkaria Commission of Inquiry, so far submitted by them on the Table of the House,

(b) whether Government propose to extend its term beyond 1st February 1977 so that it may enquire into all the remaining allegations and submit reports thereon, and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to direct the Government of Tamil Nadu to take necessary follow-up action quickly?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) to (c) A copy of the First Report, submitted by the Sarkaria Commission of Inquiry on 19th January 1977 which relates to 9 items covered by seven allegations into which inquiry has been completed so far, was laid on the Table of the House on the 1st April 1977, along with a Memorandum of the action taken thereon. The term of the Commission, which was due to expire on 1st February 1977 has been extended upto 31st January, 1978

Idukki Hydro Electric Project

63 SHRI K. A. RAJAN Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) the present stage of the construction work of Idukki Hydro Electric Project in Kerala,

(b) the present generating capacity of the said project,

(c) whether sufficient funds have been allotted for the project during the current year, and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) (a) to (d) The three Generating Units of 130 MW each of the Idukki Hydro Electric Project-Stage I have been commissioned. All the civil engineering works of the project, except the erection of crest gates of the Cheruthoni Dam which is in hand, have been completed.

For the year 1977-78 the State authorities have indicated that the limited quantum of payments in respect of certain balance items would be made through adjustments against advances and recoveries. No outlay is therefore being provided for the current year.

Coal India Limited

64 SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has opened its own distribution channels in some States

(b) if so, the names of those States,

(c) in how many States private distribution of coke is going on and

(d) have Government taken a decision to open CIL owned shops to sell hard coke?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b) Yes Sir Coal India has undertaken distribution of Soft Coke and Slack Coal in the Union Territory of Delhi and eight districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) In other States and the remaining districts of Uttar Pradesh, distribution of Soft Coke is done through agents and depot holders under the regulation of the State Governments.

(d) No Sir

Newsprint Project in Kottayam District

65 SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the progress made in the setting up of the Newsprint project in Kottayam District,

(b) whether Government propose to give preferential employment to the relatives of the land and field owners from whom the land has been acquired for the project and

(c) the amount so far spent for the project and when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) The Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited have acquired the land for the project and site levelling is almost complete. Arrangements for the supply of raw materials and provision of infrastructural facilities have been made. The Corporation have engaged consultants for carrying out the design and engineering. Civil works are in progress and orders for long delivery items have also been placed.

(b) Yes, Sir. There are standing instructions of the Government with regard to provision of employment to members of families displaced as a result of acquisition of land.

(c) Rs 16.14 crores. The project is scheduled to be completed by October, 1978.

Heavy Industries in Dharmapuri District

66 SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether the Dharmapuri District in Tamil Nadu has been declared as backward District,

(b) whether there is any proposal to start heavy industries there, and

(c) if so, the nature of industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) The Dharmapuri District in Tamil Nadu State has been declared as industrially backward to qualify for concessional finance from the financial institutions for setting up industries. Further 7 taluqs of the Dharmapuri District viz., Dharmapuri Palacode, Hosur, Denkanikottah, Krishnagiri, Uthangaraj and Harur have been selected to qualify for the investment subsidy under the 'Central Outright Grant/Subsidy Scheme, 1971' for setting up of new units in the industrially backward areas.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present to start heavy industries in the Central Sector in the Dharmapuri District. Three parties have been given licences to set up textile machinery manufacturing units in the private sector in this District.

Price-Tagging Scheme

67 SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM. Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the scheme of price-tagging under which all consumer and other goods are required to be available with price-tags has been given up,

(b) if so, whether it is being enforced in Tamil Nadu,

(c) the measures he proposes to take for the uniform enforcement of this scheme throughout India, and

(d) whether he is aware that the price-tagging has been removed by shopkeepers in Tamil Nadu after the General Elections?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARMA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) The scheme of price tagging under the Tamil Nadu (Display of

Stocks Prices and Maintenance of Accounts) Order continues to be enforced

(c) The scheme for displaying prices and stocks remains in force in all the States

(d) No general violation of the Order has come to notice in Tamil Nadu after the General Elections. Individual cases of violation have been dealt with under law in March 1977 as in the previous months

श्री सत्य गांधी के दोरो पर खर्च

68 श्री हृषम देव नारायण यादव क्या गह मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा करेगा कि

(क) जुलाई 1975 से जनवरी 1977 तक सत्य गांधी के दोरो पर और उनकी सभाओं के आयोजन पर राज्यवार कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई और उस खर्च का भार किसन वहन किया

(ख) उन्होंने किस अधिकार से और किसकी अनुमति से सरकारा हवाई जहाजों का उपयोग किया तथा उन्होंने सरकारों सस्थाओं का शिलायास एवं उन्घाटन किसकी अनुमति से किया और

(ग) आपात स्थिति के दौरान उन्होंने जो राष्ट्र विरोधी काम किया था क्या सरकार का विचार इसको जांच करान का है यदि हा तो कब तक ?

गह मंत्री (श्रीधरी चरण सिंह)

(ब) और (घ) राज्य सरकारा और सय राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनो स सूचना एवत्रित की जा रहा है ।

(ग) आपात स्थिति क द रान की गई ज्यादतियों दुष्कर्मों और सदाचार की जांच करने का प्रश्न सदन में श्री ज्योतिमय

बसु द्वारा रख गये एक गर सरकारी सदस्य के सक्त्प में उठाया जा चुका है । सरकार इस मामले पर विचार कर रही है और इस प्रश्न पर सदन के चालू सत्र में एक वक्तव्य दिया जायेगा ।

Industry in Chittoor District

69 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are starting any heavy industry in Chittoor District in the State of Andhra Pradesh and

(b) if so the date ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) and (b) No provision has been made in the Fifth Five Year Plan for setting up any heavy industry in the Central Sector in Chittoor district in the State of Andhra Pradesh

Election of Delegates in the Central Government Employees Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd New Delhi

70 SHRI SHEO SAMPAT Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the bye laws of the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd New Delhi provide that in a constituency formed by the Board of Directors delegates are elected by members in a ratio of one delegate for every 500 members or any part thereof

(b) whether the Board of Directors of the Society have for the election of delegates during 1977 decided that two delegates in a constituency shall be allowed to be elected only when the number of members of the Society there are 750 or more and

(c) if so the particular reasons therefor and whether the approval of Registrar of Cooperative Societies has since been sought for such an amendment in bye laws?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) Yes Sir

(b) Yes Sir

(c) The Board was advised that no amendment of the bye laws was involved and so the question of referring this particular issue to the Registrar Cooperative Societies did not arise. The decision has been given on the practical consideration of keeping the number of delegates within reasonable limits.

Raman Hydel Project

71 SHRI K. B. CHETTRI Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Raman Hydel Project has been cleared by the Planning Commission

(b) if so what is the total amount involved and

(c) how long it will take to complete the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) (a) No Sir. Approval for sanctioning the Raman Hydro electric project is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Does not arise at this stage.

कच्छ में आप्रवासियों को भारतीय नागरिकता प्रदान करना

72 श्री अनन्त दव क्या गृह मंत्री यह बनाने का कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) सोन समुदाय के उन लोग जो भारत-नाग मुद्रा के बाद कच्छ में

आ गये थे, भारतीय नागरिकता प्रदान न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं, और

(ख) क्या उन्होंने इस बारे में सरकार से अनुरोध किया था, और यदि हाँ, तो उन अनुरोधों पर सरकार का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है?

गृह मंत्री (श्रीपरी चरण सिंह) (क) और (ख) सोन समुदाय के व्यक्तियों से कुछ अन्यायपूर्ण प्रभावित हुए थे जिनमें भारतीय नागरिकता प्रदान करने के लिए अनुरोध किया गया था। सभी पहलुओं पर विचार करने पर उनको यह सुविधा प्रदान करना उपयुक्त नहीं समझा गया। आशा की जाती है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार आवश्यक परिस्थितियाँ बना कर उपयुक्त उपाय करगी ताकि प्रभावित व्यक्ति सुरक्षा और सम्मान के साथ अपने घरों को लौट सकें।

बिहार में केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस भेजा जाना

73. श्री चंद्रदत्त प्रसाद वर्मा क्या गृह मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या बिहार में काफी सख्या में केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस भेजी गई थी और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उनकी मदद कितनी थी और उसकी उपयोगिता क्या थी?

गृह मंत्री (श्रीपरी चरण सिंह) (क) और (ख) लोक सभा के हाल के चुनाव कराने की घोषणा से पहले केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस की 4 बटलियन बिहार सरकार को उनके अनुरोध पर विधि और व्यवस्था बनाये रखने में उनकी मदद करने के लिए उपलब्ध कराई गई थी। चुनाव के दौरान

विधि और व्यवस्था बनाये रखने के लिए राज्य सरकार के अनुरोध पर केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस की अतिरिक्त 2½ बटालियन उपलब्ध की गई थी। इन अतिरिक्त बटालियनों को वापिस बुला लिया गया है और इस समय केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस की चार बटालियन राज्य सरकार के पास है।

बिहार के विकास के लिये पांचवीं योजना में नियत

74 थी धुबराज क्या योजना मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने बिहार के योजनाबद्ध विकास के लिए पांचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना में धनराशि का नियत किया है ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो कितनी, और

(ग) इस राज्य की जनसंख्या और लिटरेचर को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार का इस राज्य को कब तक सहायता देने का विचार है ?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री मोरारजी देसाई) :

(क) स (ग) : पांचवी पंचवर्षीय योजना को अन्तिम रूप देने के लिए 24 और 25 नवम्बर, 1976 को नई दिल्ली में हुई राष्ट्रीय विचार परिषद् की बैठक में सभी राज्यों की योजना के आधार को अन्तिम रूप दिया गया था। पांच बरों की सम्पूर्ण अवधि के लिए बिहार राज्य का प्रतिशत 1,296.06 करोड़ रुपये है। राज्यों की केन्द्रीय सहायता का आवंटन सभी राज्यों द्वारा स्वीकार किए गए कार्यक्रम के आधार पर किया जाता है और ऐसा करते समय न केवल जनसंख्या, प्रति व्यक्ति आय के अनुसार प्रकट किए गए लिटरेचर का ही ध्यान रखा जाता है, बल्कि सम्पूर्ण राज्य द्वारा संसाधन अभाव के लिए किए

गये प्रयासों और उनकी विनियम समस्याओं का भी ध्यान रखा जाता है।

आपात स्थिति के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में गिरफ्तार किये गये कार्यकर्ता

75 श्री निर्मल चन्द्र जैन : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) 25-26 जून 1975 को आपात स्थिति लागू होने पर केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश सरकार अथवा उनके अधिकारियों को तिन श्रेणियों के कार्यकर्ताओं को गिरफ्तार करने के आदेश भेजे गये थे, और

(ख) क्या गिरफ्तारी सम्बन्धी उक्त आदेश अथवा अन्य आदेश अभी भी उपलब्ध है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्रीधर चरण सिंह) :

(क) जून, 1975 में आपात स्थिति की उद्घोषणा के समय, गिरफ्तार किए जाते वाले सरकारी अधिकारियों की श्रेणियों का टीक टोक उल्लेख करते हुए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को कोई आदेश जारी नहीं किए गये थे।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उत्तरा है।

Inquiry into atrocities on Political Prisoners in Jails during Emergency

76. SHRI HARIVISHNU KAMATH Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government propose to institute a public independent inquiry into the atrocities perpetrated on political prisoners in various jails during the period of Emergency, from June 25 1975 to date, and

(b) If so, when, and its terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) The Government are aware of general complaints of this nature. A decision as to whether an inquiry should be held and the manner in which the inquiry should be made in respect of any particular case, will be taken, on merits of the case if specific complaints are brought to Government's notice.

“घासुका” की धारा 16-क के अधीन राजनैतिक बन्दी

77 थी उपस्थित क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) 26 जून, 1975 को अनात स्थिति की घोषणा के बाद से 31 जनवरी, 1977 तक ‘घासुका’ (मीसा) की धारा 16-क के अधीन राज्य सरकारों द्वारा विभिन्न राजनैतिक दलों के कितने व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किये गये,

(ख) उनमें से कितने व्यक्ति अभी तक जेलों में बन्द हैं, और

(ग) वर्ष 1975-76 में 31 जनवरी, 1977 तक कितने राजनैतिक बन्दीयों की जेलों में मृत्यु हो गई और उनमें से प्रमुख आदमियों के नाम क्या हैं ?

गृह मंत्री (श्रीधरी चरण सिंह) :

(क) 29 जनवरी, 1977 को विभिन्न राजनैतिक दलों के 2861 व्यक्ति और जिनके मामलों में आन्तरिक सुरक्षा बनाये रखना अधिनियम, 1971 की धारा 16क लागू की गई थी, नजरबन्द थे। राज्यवार व्यौरा मलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है।

आन्तरिक सुरक्षा बनाये रखना अधिनियम, 1971 की धारा 16-क के अधीन 26 जून, 1975 से 31 जनवरी, 1977

तक की अवधि के दौरान नजरबन्द किये विभिन्न राजनैतिक दलों के व्यक्तियों की संख्या के बारे में सूचना राज्य सरकार से एवत्रित की जा रही है और सद. के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

(ख) 25 जून, 1975 को लागू की गई अनातस्थिति के हटाये जाने से आन्तरिक सुरक्षा बनाये रखना अधिनियम, 1971 की धारा 16-क समाप्त हो गई है। अधिनियम की इस धारा के अधीन नजरबन्द किये गये सभी व्यक्ति नजरबन्दी से रिहा कर दिये गये हैं।

(ग) राज्य सरकारों से सूचना एवत्रित की जा रही है और मदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

विवरण

| क्र० | राज्य | संघ राज्य क्षेत्र का नाम | राज्य राजनैतिक नजरबन्दीयों की संख्या |
|------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | आंध्र प्रदेश | | 19 |
| 2 | असम | | 13 |
| 3 | बिहार | | 230 |
| 4 | गुजरात | | 17 |
| 5 | हरियाणा | | 45 |
| 6 | हिमाचल प्रदेश | | — |
| 7 | जम्मू व कश्मीर | | 15 |
| 8 | कर्नाटक | | 20 |
| 9 | केरल | | 34 |
| 10 | मध्य प्रदेश | | 846 |
| 11 | महाराष्ट्र | | 697 |
| 12 | मणिपुर | | — |
| 13 | मेघालय | | 1 |

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| क्रम०
स० | राज्य/संघ राज्य
क्षेत्र वा नाम | राजनैतिक
नजरबन्दियों
की संख्या |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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| 14 | नागालैण्ड | 1 |
| 15 | उड़ीसा | 37 |
| 16 | पंजाब | 22 |
| 17 | राजस्थान | 3 |
| 18 | सिक्किम | — |
| 19 | तमिलनाडु | 61 |
| 20 | त्रिपुरा | 18 |
| 21 | उत्तर प्रदेश | 63 1 |
| 22 | पश्चिमी बंगाल | 31 |
| 23 | अरुणाचल प्रदेश | — |
| 24 | अण्डमान व निकोबार द्वीप
समूह | 2 |
| 25 | चण्डीगढ़ | 1 |
| 26 | दादरा व नगर हवेली | — |
| 27 | दिल्ली | 44 |
| 28 | गोवा दमन व दीव | 9 |
| 29 | लक्षद्वीप | — |
| 30 | मिजोरम | 12 |
| 31 | पाण्डिचेरी | — |
| 32 | केन्द्रीय सरकार | 2 |

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"भोसा" के अन्तर्गत बन्दी राजनैतिक
व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को निर्वाह
भत्ता

78. श्री छविराम अग्रवाल .
श्री यशोदर भट्टमद :
श्री उपसेन .

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बतान की कृपा
करेंगे कि

(क) 'भोसा' में बन्दी राजनैतिक
बंदों से सम्बद्ध व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को
किन किन राज्यों में निर्वाह भत्ता दिया गया
तथा किन किन राज्यों में ऐसा भत्ता नहीं
दिया गया ,

(ख) कितने व्यक्तियों को कितना-
कितना मासिक भत्ता दिया गया और राज्यों
द्वारा निर्वाह भत्ता देने पर कुल कितनी
राशि व्यय की गई; और

(ग) किस किस राज्य में निर्वाह
भत्ते के लिए किया गया अनुरोध स्वीकार नहीं
किया गया ?

गृह मंत्री (चौधरी चरण सिंह) :

(क) से (ग) राज्य सरकारों से सूचना
एकत्रित की जा रही है और सदन के पटल
पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Pending Applications from Kerala

79 SHRI K KUNHAMBU Will
the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleas-
ed to state

(a) the total number of licence
applications from Kerala pending
sanction with the Ministry, and

(b) the steps taken to clear these
applications ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) and

(b) Out of the Industrial licence
applications for Kerala received till
31st March, 1977, 14 applications are

pending Various considerations such as availability of infrastructure, raw materials know-how demand capacity installed etc are kept in view while taking decisions on industrial licence applications Every effort is being made to dispose of the pending applications as expeditiously as possible

Use of IAF Planes by former Minister in the Military of Defence

80 SHRI GANANATH PRADHAN Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of times Shri J B Patnaik former Minister of State for Defence had used the Air Force Plane during January 1976 to March 15 1977, and

(b) the purpose of his journeys and the places of his visit?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) Shri J B Patnaik former Raksha Rajya Mantri on indent was provided 64 sorties in IAF VIP aircraft during the period 1st January, 1976 to 15th March 1977

(b) The places visited by Shri J B Patnaik are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House (Placed in Library See No LT-102/77) The exact purpose of the visit is not known However in the passenger manifests rendered by the Secretariat of the former Minister the purpose of all the journeys has been certified as official

Setting up of a Broadcasting Station in Vidarbha Region

81 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have sent a proposal to set

up a broadcasting station in Vidarbha region during the Fifth Plan, and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The Vidarbha region of Maharashtra is already within the primary service range of existing All India Radio stations in the State There are no immediate proposals to set up any new station in this region.

Sick Small Scale Industrial Units

82 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the number of sick small scale industrial units in the country, state-wise,

(b) whether the question of sick units has assumed a serious proportion, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) and (b) The Census of Small Scale Industries revealed that 12151 units were sick in 1972 State-wise their number is given in the attached statement No census of small scale units has been undertaken since then

(c) There are State level Coordination Committees under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Industries) of the State Government for analysing the cases of sick units and for providing necessary assistance to these units The Director of Small Industries Service Institutes are Member-Secretaries of these Committees

Statement

| S No | Name of the State | No of sick units in 1972 according to Census of small Scale Industries |
|------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 726 |
| 2 | Assam | 269 |
| 3 | Bihar | 512 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 1116 |
| 5 | Haryana | 737 |
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | 250 |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | 142 |
| 8 | Kerala | 424 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 293 |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | 572 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 958 |
| 12 | Manipur | 21 |
| 13 | Meghalaya | 16 |
| 14 | Nagaland | 4 |
| 15 | Orissa | 162 |
| 16 | Punjab | 686 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | 620 |
| 18 | Sikkim | |
| 19 | Tamil Nadu | 1332 |
| 20 | Tripura | 41 |
| 21 | Uttar Pradesh | 465 |
| 22 | West Bengal | 2451 |

| S No | Name of Union Territories | No of sick units in 1972 according to Census of SSI |
|------|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | |
| 3 | Chandigarh | 32 |
| 4 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 8 |
| 5 | Delhi | 187 |
| 6 | Goa, Damam & Diu | 91 |
| 7 | Lakshadweep | |
| 8 | Mizoram | |
| 9 | Pondicherry | 66 |
| | | 12151 |

Grant of Pension to Freedom Fighters

63 PROF SHIBBAN LAL SAKSENA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of freedom fighters who had applied (i) for pension and (ii) for other assistance to the Central Government during each of the years since the inception of the scheme and the number of freedom fighters whose applications were granted by Central Government the number of applications which were rejected and the number of those which are still pending State-wise and reasons therefore and

(b) the total amount of money paid as pension to freedom fighters in each of the years since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) (i) Statements I to V showing the total number of applications received, sanctioned and rejected State-wise for the years 1973-74 to 1976-77 laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-103/77]. On 31st March, 1977, 637 cases were pending disposal from the following States —

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 6 |
| 2. Bihar | 277 |
| 3. Kerala | 34 |
| Total | 637 |

These applications have been received recently and are being examined. 40184 applications have been filed for want of adequate evidence.

(a) (ii) So far as other assistance is concerned, the same is being given from the Home Minister's Discretionary Grant in eligible cases. A statement (at appendix—VI) showing the number of freedom fighters given assistance out of this grant State-wise and year-wise is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-103/77].

(b) The expenditure incurred on the freedom fighters pension scheme since its inception is as follows:

| Years | Actual expenditure
(Rs. in crores) |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. 1973-74 | 0.63 |
| 2. 1974-75 | 15.32 |
| 3. 1975-76 | 21.96 |
| 4. 1976-77 | 24.11 |
| 5. 1977-78 | 35.05
(Anticipated) |

Amendment of Codes of Civil and Criminal Procedure

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to repeal the latest amendments made to the Code of Civil Procedure and to Section 133 of the Criminal Procedure Code and

(b) if so, the Government desire thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

Withdrawal of Cases against Detenus under DFR

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to issue directives to State Governments to immediately communicate to the Centre the particulars of the detenus under DFR; and

(b) whether Government propose to issue a directive to withdraw all such cases launched during emergency?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) The Government have not called for particulars of cases in which action has been taken under DFR, but instructions have been issued requesting the State Governments and UT Administrations to review all such cases with a view to withdrawing action in all cases excepting those arising out of economic offences or violent acts. The instructions cover even those convicted to serve sentences awarded by Courts and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to remit the unserved sentences of all those convicted of offences

under DISIR during the emergency except economic offenders and those involved in violent acts

ऊर्जा का उत्पादन और मांग

86 श्री नारायण कृष्ण शेजवलकर
क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) गत दो वर्षों में ऊर्जा के उत्पादन और उसकी मांग में कितनी वृद्धि हुई और

(ख) मांग की तुलना में उत्पादन कितना कम रहा ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री पी० रामचन्द्रन)

(क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विद्युत ऊर्जा की निवल मांग तथा उत्पादन केन्द्र बस धार पर विद्युत् उत्पादन तथा उसके मुकाबल विद्युत् में कमी नीचे दी जाती है। 1974-75 से 1975-76 में तथा 1975-76 से 1976-77 में मांग और उत्पादन में हुई वृद्धि की प्रतिशतता भी नीचे दी जाती है —

(सभी आंकड़े मिलियन यूनिट्स में दिए गए हैं)

| मांग | | मांग में वृद्धि की प्रतिशतता | उत्पादन | उत्पादन में वृद्धि की प्रतिशतता | कमी |
|---------|-------|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1974-75 | 80255 | 4.05 | 65546 | 13.8 | 14709 |
| 1975-76 | 83508 | | 74609 | | 8899 |
| 1976-77 | 88482 | 5.09 | 83266 | 9.61 | 5216 |

Payment of Pension to Freedom Fighters

87 SHRI ANNASAHIB GOTKHANDI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the monthly and annual expenditure being incurred by the Government on payment of pension to freedom fighters and

(b) the State-wise figures of bogus pensioners that have come to the notice of Government so far and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) The figures of annual

expenditure on payment of pension to freedom fighters are as under —

| Year | Actual expenditure
(Rs in crores) |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 1972-73 | • 0.63 |
| 1973-74 | • 16.32 |
| 1974-75 | • 22.96 |
| 1975-76 | • 24.11 |
| 1976-77 | • 25.00 (anticipated) |

The average monthly expenditure during the year 1976-77 is about 201 crores

(b) Complaints have been received against individual freedom fighters that they have managed or are trying to get pension by furnishing incorrect and false information/evidence. Such complaints are examined promptly with reference to the available records and in doubtful cases a reference is made to the State Government concerned for verification and early report. In cases where there is a strong presumption that the freedom fighter is not entitled to get pension, action is taken immediately to suspend the pension pending further investigation. If on completion of the enquiry, the pension is found to be wrongly obtained, it is cancelled and necessary action regarding recovery is taken. Where it is found that the person concerned adopted fraudulent means to obtain pension, State Governments are asked to consider the desirability of prosecuting the person concerned.

A statement showing the number of complaints received, cases in which pension has been suspended, number of cases in which pension has been stopped or restored and the number of cases pending disposal, statewise is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT 104/77].

Set up in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

88 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to provide popular set up in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, what will be the pattern?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has yet to take a decision in the matter.

Industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

89 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to set up more industries in the backward areas; and

(b) if so, whether any special consideration will be given to the entrepreneurs to set up industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been declared as an industrially backward area and special incentives like financial assistance on concessional terms, relief in income-tax, free technical consultancy services, subsidy on fixed capital investment, transport subsidy etc. are available to the entrepreneurs setting up industries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Benefits under the Rural Industries Project Programme are also available to these entrepreneurs.

Amnesty to Political Prisoners

90 SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to declare an amnesty to all political prisoners detained and convicted in all the States in the country;

(b) whether all warrants of arrests will be withdrawn and cases instituted against workers and leaders of political parties will be withdrawn; and

(c) whether sentences of all women political prisoners will be commuted and they will be freed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) to (c) Following the revocation of emergency proclaimed on 25th June 1975 on 21st March 1977 all persons detained under section 16A of the Maintenance of Internal Security Act 1971 for the purpose of emergency have been released. Instructions have also been issued to all State Governments and Union Territories Administrations on 25th March 1977 to review cases of persons proceeded against under the Defence and Internal Security of India Rules. The State Governments have been advised to withdraw cases pending trial in courts or pending investigation and also remit unserved sentences in the case of those already convicted excepting in the cases of economic offenders and persons found guilty of violent acts.

Setting up of Enquiry Commission for Excesses Committed by Officials during Emergency

91 SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to appoint an Enquiry Commission to go into the misdeeds and excesses committed by the officials during the period of Internal Emergency in the name of family planning and

(b) if so the main features thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) and (b) There is no proposal to appoint an Enquiry Commission. However specific complaints received from any one would be enquired into and necessary action taken wherever the complaints are found correct.

Favoured Treatment to Small Newspapers/Periodicals in vernacular languages

92 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

the thinking of the Government to use DAVP in the matter of giving favoured treatment to small newspapers/periodicals in vernacular languages?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) Advertisements are released to newspapers to meet varying publicity requirements and not as a measure of financial assistance. But remaining within these limitations small and medium newspapers particularly those published in Indian languages will be used for Government advertisements on an increasing scale. The question is therefore being looked into in detail.

Supply of uranium fuel by USA for Tarapur Atomic Power Station

93 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the agreement for supply of uranium fuel by the U.S.A. for Tarapur Atomic Power Station has been renewed

(b) if so the main features thereof and

(c) if not at what stage the proposal stands?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) to (c) The agreement with the USA for supply of enriched uranium for the Tarapur Atomic Power Plant has not expired and therefore the question of renewal does not arise.

Production of Harvesters

94 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether harvesters are being produced in the country,

(b) whether Government have decided to allow imports and

(c) if so facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) Self-propelled Combine Harvesters are not yet being manufactured in the country. Pull type combine harvesters were being produced in the country in the past but their production has been discontinued since 1974 due to lack of demand for this particular type of harvester.

(b) and (c) Proposals for imports alongwith plans for indigenous manufacture of self propelled combine harvesters are under consideration.

Closure of Industries

95 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU

SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN

SHRI C K. CHANDRAPPAN

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the State-wise number of (1) large (2) medium and (3) small industrial establishments closed down since the declaration of internal emergency in June, 1975

(b) the number of establishments reopened todate

(c) the steps being taken to get all the establishments re-opened, and

(d) the number of persons rendered unemployed as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Political Persons Arrested during Emergency

96 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU

DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN

SHRI C K. CHANDRAPPAN
SHRI YUVRAJ

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) how many persons belonging to political parties were arrested under DIR and MISA after the promulgation of internal emergency in June 1975 (Section and Sub-section-wise arrests to be given if possible readily),

(b) how many persons have been released since then,

(c) how many persons are yet to be released, and

(d) under what sections of what Acts these persons are still in Jail?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) to (d) The information sought is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Misuse of MISA, DIR and Sections 107 and 109 of IPC during Emergency

97 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU

SHRI LAXMI NARAIN NAYAK

SHRI CHHABI RAM ARGAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the large scale misuse of MISA, DIR, and Sections 107 and 109 of IPC during the period June 1975 to February 1977,

(b) if so the facts thereof

(c) whether Government propose to order a thorough probe into the allegations and

(d) whether the Government will provide State wise details of arrests and detentions?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) to (c) The Government are aware of general complaints of this nature. A decision as to whether an inquiry should be held and the manner in which the inquiry should be made is under active consideration of Government.

(d) A statement in this question has already been laid on the Table of the House on 5th April, 1977

Causes Leading to the Promulgation of Emergency

98 **SHRI SAMAR GUHA**

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA

SHRI SURAJ BHAN

SHRI BASHIR AHMAD

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether a National Commission will be appointed to go into the alleged causes that led to the promulgation of Emergency?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) The suggestion made by the Hon'ble Members is under active consideration of Government

Names of Newspapers Penalised Under Censorship Orders during the Emergency

99 **SHRI SAMAR GUHA** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) names of newspapers including dailies and periodicals penalised under censorship orders during the Emergency,

(b) measures adopted against them,

(c) names of newspapers including dailies and periodicals which ceased their publications during the Emergency, and

(d) whether a Commission will be set up to go into the cases and to suggest measures for restoration of freedom of press?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No. LT-105/77] The statement does not include names of newspapers which have been penalised under various provisions of law other than censorship orders & M P Public Security Act

Publications of Books etc. in Justification of Emergency and 20 plus 5 Points Programme

100 **SHRI SAMAR GUHA** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) the names and number of books and booklets published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in justification of Emergency and 20+5 points programme of the last Congress Government

(b) expenditure made thereon

(c) amount of the advertisements given in press dailies and other periodicals in defence and justification or as measure of publicity regarding Government stand on emergency and

(d) total expenditure made by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry in giving publicity etc in regard to justification and propagation of emergency measures?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) In all 216 books/booklets were published by the Ministry to Information and Broadcasting

in justification of Emergency and 20 plus 5 points programme of the last Congress Government at A list showing their names and number is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT-106 177]

(b) About Rs 1 64 39 850

(c) About Rs 1 18 00 000

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Arrests made during Emergency

101 SHRI B C KAMBLE

SHRI HUKAMDEO NARAIN YADAV

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) how many men and women were arrested during Emergency

(b) the number of such arrested persons party-wise group wise and organisation wise and whether all of them have been released till to day

(c) whether any of these persons arrested died in the jail or after release from the jail and what broadly are the causes of their deaths and

(d) whether there was any representation to the then Government from those arrested and taken ill prior to their death and if so with what result?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) 34630 persons were detained under the MISA during the period 25 6 1975 to 19 3-1977

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

Drinking Water in Villages in MP

102 DR VASANT KUMAR PANDIT Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether any amount has been allotted to Madhya Pradesh for supply of drinking water to villages and interior areas inhabited by Harijans Adivasis and other backward communities and

(b) if so the amount allotted in 1975-76 and 1976-77 and the number of villages and areas covered during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) There is no Central Scheme for supply of drinking water to villages inhabited by Harijans Adivasis and other backward communities However under the minimum Needs Programme of the State Sector for rural water supply Rs 400 lakhs and Rs 350 lakhs have been provided for the year 1975 76 and 1976 77 respectively All the rural areas of the State including those inhabited by Harijans Adivasis and other backward communities are expected to be covered under this programme

Development of Bankura and Purulia Districts

103 DR BHOJOY MONDAL Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether Bankura and Purulia are industrially backward districts in West Bengal and

(b) the steps Government have taken to establish cottage medium and heavy industries in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The following are some of the steps taken to establish industries in these areas

(i) The districts of Purulia and Bankura have been selected as industrially backward to qualify for concessional finance from financial institutions

(ii) The district of Purulia has been selected also to qualify for Central Scheme of investment subsidy

(iii) Industrial potential surveys of both these districts have been carried out and industries having scope have been identified. Industrial development campaigns for motivating the entrepreneurs and giving them spot advice have also been organised at Purulia and pre-industrial development campaign surveys have been carried out in Bankura

(iv) A number of other incentives like supply of machinery on concessional terms are available for setting up industries in backward districts

(v) Small Industries Service Institute, West Bengal Calcutta provides intensive help in these districts. One Officer has been assigned for these districts separately. He visits these districts and motivates entrepreneurs and provides technical assistance for developing industries

(vi) One Extension Centre (particularly for the development of carpentry and blacksmithy) is working at Bankura for providing technical assistance to small scale units

(vii) Projects for the manufacture of cement and high alloy steel have been sanctioned for establishment in the district of Purulia

(viii) A new growth centre in Purulia is also being developed

(ix) Khadi & Village Industries Commission have assisted 56 centres in these districts. Out of these 29 are working. These involve an investment of Rs 47.52 lakhs, production in 1975-76 of the order of Rs 33.59 lakhs and employment to about 3000 persons

(x) In 1974 four Letters of Intent and 4 Industrial Licences were issued for the establishment of industries in the districts of Purulia and Bankura. In 1975 six Letters of Intent were issued. Two schemes have been registered with the D.G.T.D.

(xi) These districts are also covered under Central Rural Industries Project and Rural Artisan programmes

In addition the State Government also provide assistance for establishment of industries in these districts through promotional agencies incentives scheme etc

Deployment of BSF and CRP in States

104 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR DHARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to take a fresh decision regarding deployment of CRP, BSF and any other such forces in the States, and

(b) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Presumably the question is with reference to the provisions of Article 257A of the Constitution. If it be so, this matter will be reviewed along with the other provisions of the Forty-second Amendment to the Constitution in due course.

भारत रक्षा नियमों और घासका के घतघन बन्दी बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने के कर्मचारी

105 श्री शानेश्वर प्रसाद पादव
क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि आसामनाल के दौरान बिहार में बोकारो इस्पात कारखाने के कितने कर्मचारी घासुका और भारत रक्षा नियमों के अन्तर्गत बन्दी बनाये गए ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री श्री चरण सिंह) : बिहार सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार अप्रैल के दौरान आसामनाल गुरुआ बनाए रखना अधिनियम, 1971 के अन्तर्गत राज्य में बंदी रा इस्पात करवाने का कोई कर्मचारी बन्दी नहीं बनाया गया था ।

आपात काल के दौरान भारतीय रक्षा तथा आन्तरिक सुरक्षा नियम, 1971 के अधीन कारखाने के 19 कर्मचारी गिरफ्तार किए गए थे । इन कर्मचारियों के खिलाफ चलाये गये मामलों को वापस लेने के लिए राज्य सरकार ने पहले ही आदेश जारी कर दिये हैं ।

राज्यपालों की नियुक्ति

106. श्रीमती चन्द्रावती : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राज्यपालों की नियुक्तियों सम्बन्धी नियम क्या हैं और वे कितनी अवधि के लिए पद पर रहते हैं ;

(ख) हरियाणा के राज्यपाल, स्वर्गीय श्री बी० एन० चक्रवर्ती का कार्यकाल कब समाप्त हुआ और कार्यकाल के समाप्त होने के उपरान्त भी वह किस नियमों के अन्तर्गत अपने पद पर आसीन रहे, और

(ग) यदि वे कार्यकाल के समाप्त होने के उपरान्त भी अपने पद पर आसीन रहते क्या उन पर हुमा व्यय उनके उत्तराधिकारियों से वसूल करने का विचार है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री श्री चरण सिंह) :

(क) संविधान के उपबन्धों के अन्तर्गत, किसी राज्य के राज्यपाल को राष्ट्रपति द्वारा अपने हस्ताक्षर और मुद्रा सहित अधिपत्र द्वारा नियुक्त किया जाता है (अनुच्छेद 155) । वह राष्ट्रपति के प्रवाद पर पद धारण करता है । राज्यपाल के पद की अवधि उनके पद ग्रहण की तारीख से पांच वर्षों तक है परन्तु अपने पद की अवधि की समाप्ति हो जाने पर भी राज्यपाल अपने उत्तराधिकारी के पद ग्रहण तक पद धारण किए रहेंगे (अनुच्छेद 156) । कोई व्यक्ति राज्यपाल नियुक्त होने का पात्र नहीं होता जब तक कि वह भारत का नागरिक न हो तथा पौरोसत्तव्य की आयु पूरी न कर चुका हो (अनुच्छेद 157) ।

(ख) और (ग) राज्यपाल के रूप में स्व० श्री बी० एन० चक्रवर्ती के पद की सामान्य अवधि 14-9-1972 को समाप्त हो गई थी । परन्तु अपने उत्तराधिकारी के नियुक्त होने तक अनुच्छेद 156 (3) के उपबन्ध के अनुसार वे अपने पद की अवधि समाप्ति के बाद भी पद धारण किए रहेंगे । इन दोनों परावर्ति समाप्त होने के बाद राज्यपाल के रूप में उन पर हुए खर्च को उनके उत्तराधिकारियों से वसूल करने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन को स्वाम्यत्तशासी नियम बनाया जाना

107 श्री नारायण कृष्ण शेखरकर : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आकाशवाणी और टेलीविजन विभागों को स्वाम्यत्तशासी संगठन बनाए जाने की दशा में वहाँ काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों की पूर्ण तथा वर्तमान सेवा शर्तों को ध्यान में रखा जाएगा तथा क्या पहले की गई अनिवार्यताओं का निराकरण किया जाएगा ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो इस सम्बन्ध में प्रस्तावित जाने वाली नीति तथा प्रक्रिया क्या होगी और क्या क्लानारो के साथ न्याय विवेक जाने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की जाएगी ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री सती कृष्ण मडवानी) : (ब) और (ख) आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन को स्वायत्तशासी निगमों के रूप में परिवर्तित करने का प्रश्न इस समय विचाराधीन है। इस अवस्था पर भ्रम मामलों के बारे में विचार बनाना समयपूर्व है।

पुलिस तथा अधिकारियों द्वारा आपात-स्थिति के दौरान की गई कति अनियमितताएँ

108 श्री नारायण कृष्ण शेजवलकर
क्या गृह मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) गत 20 महीनों अर्थात् आपात-स्थिति के दौरान कानून तथा व्यवस्था बनाए रखने के लिए उत्तरदायी पुलिस विभाग और अधिकारियों ने जो अनियमितताएँ बरती हैं तथा अधिकारों का जो दुरुपयोग किया है, उनके बारे में क्या कोई न्यायिक जांच कराने का विचार है, और

(ख) क्या इन अनियमितताओं का विचार होने वाले व्यक्तियों का क्षतिपूर्ति दी जाएगी और दोषी व्यक्तियों को दण्ड दिया जाएगा ?

गृह मंत्री (श्रीधर चरण सिंह) :

(ब) और (ख) आपात स्थिति के दौरान की गई ज्यादतियों की जांच करने की भाग सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Special Scheme for Backward Areas In Madhya Pradesh

109 DR VASANT KUMAR PAN
DIT Will the Minister of PLANNING
be pleased to state

(a) the number of areas from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra selected under the Central Scheme for special Backward Areas,

(b) the amount allotted for the development of such areas in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for the years 1975-76 and 1976-77, and

(c) how much of the above allotment was actually utilised in the years 1975-76 and 1976-77?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

The Central Scheme for Special Backward areas relates to industrially backward districts where concessional finance and investment subsidies are given. There are certain other areas also requiring special attention information regarding which is given at Sl No (1), (2) and (3) in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

* (Rs. in lakhs)

| Central Scheme | Number of areas | Madhya Pradesh | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| | | Outlay | | Expenditure | |
| | | 1975-76 | 1976-77 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 |
| | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| (1) Tribal Sub-Plan | 3 whole districts and part of 18 other districts | 400.00† | 1011.00 | N.A. | 1273.89* |
| (2) Tribal Development Agency | 2 districts | 69.90 | 91.00 | 91.19 | 33.22‡ |
| (3) Drought Prone Area Programme | 6 districts | 215.00 | 250.00 | 349.11** | 198.77** |
| (4) Concessional Finance | 36 districts | { | | | |
| (5) Investment Subsidy | 6 districts | | | | |

| Central Scheme | Number of areas | Maharashtra | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| | | Outlay | | Expenditure | |
| | | 1975-76 | 1976-77 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 |
| | | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| (1) Tribal Sub-Plan | 1 parts of 10 districts | 104.00† | 231.00 | | N.A. |
| (2) Tribal Development Agency | | | | | |
| (3) Drought Prone Area Programme | 6 districts | 176.00 | 255.00 | 255.36** | 198.15** |
| (4) Concessional Finance | 13 districts | { | | | |
| (5) Investment Subsidy | 3 districts | | | | |

† Releases

* Anticipated

‡ Up to December 1976

** Includes State contribution also.

‡ Funds are not allotted to the States for the selected districts areas. Concessional finance is offered by the all India term lending financial institutions to entrepreneurs for setting up industries substantial expansion of existing units in the industrially backward districts selected for the purpose. Similarly, investment subsidy to industries in the areas districts selected for the purpose is reimbursed by the Centre.

Police Firing during Emergency

110 SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state

(a) the details of police firings during the emergency, and

(b) the number of casualties during the emergency period?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the States Union Territories and will be laid on the table of the House as soon as possible

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111 श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान क्या गृह मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) आन्तरिक आपात स्थिति के दौरान सी० आर० पी० और बी० एस० एफ० द्वारा गोली चलाये जाने के कारण मारे गये लोगों का स्थानवार ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ख) इन बला को कितने बार राज्यों को भेजा गया और कहा-बहा कब-कब भेजा गया और

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकारों ने अनुरोध पर इन बलों को वापस भेजा गया ?

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(क) पिछली आन्तरिक आपात स्थिति के दौरान सी० आर० पी० द्वारा गोली चलाये जाने के कारण मारे गये लोगों के स्थानवार ब्यौरा का विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा है। [प्रचालन में रखा गया। देखिये सख्या एन टी—107/77] बी० एस० एफ० जब आन्तरिक सुरक्षा उद्योग पर भी तो उसने गोली नहीं चलाई थी।

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भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र के मोसा के अन्तर्गत गिरफ्तार किये गये कर्मचारी

112 श्री मोहन भैया क्या गृह मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) आपातकालीन स्थिति के दौरान भिलाई इस्पात संयंत्र के तत्कालीन कर्मचारियों को मोसा के अन्तर्गत गिरफ्तार किया गया,

(ख) क्या इन मोसा बन्दियों के परिचारकों को आर्थिक सहायता दी गई थी और यदि हाँ तो कितनी, और

(ग) क्या इन मोसा नजरबंदियों को पेट्रोल की सुविधाएँ दी गई थी और यदि हाँ, तो कितने कर्मचारियों ने इस सुविधा का लाभ उठाया ?

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Executive Excesses during Emergency

113 SHRI S KUNDU

SHRI NIRMAL CHANDRA JAIN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to investigate into the

various acts of omission and commission of executive excesses and police brutalities perpetrated on the innocent citizens during the period of second emergency and fix up responsibilities for such acts and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to start criminal and civil cases and institute departmental cases for such erring persons?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) The Government are aware of general complaints of this nature. A decision regarding investigation into such complaints will be taken on merits of each case as and when specific cases are brought to the Government's notice. Depending upon the results of such investigations appropriate action will also be initiated against the erring persons.

Statement made by former Minister of State for Home Affairs in Mexico

114 SHRI S. KUNDU Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the former Minister of State for Home Affairs while at Mexico sometime in 1978 made a statement to the effect that in India only "terrorists" are detained under MISA and

(b) if so the steps taken to tell the truth to the people abroad?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) According to our mission in Mexico the former Minister of State in the Ministry of HOME AFFAIRS had said

"Naturally there were many arrests and the state of emergency was declared. A little later the majority of political prisoners were freed, except for the terrorists"

(b) In reply to a number of questions tabled in the House Information

will be furnished about the facts relating to detentions made under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act, 1971 during the emergency. These facts would be reported by the press, in India and abroad, for the information of the public.

Dialyses Arrangement for Shri Jayaprakash Narayan

115 SHRI SAMAR GUHA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government will take up all necessary steps including setting up of additional Dialyses at places where so required to meet the medical requisites for proper medical attention of Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan, and

(b) if so the steps proposed to be taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) (a) and (b) Shri Jayaprakash Narayan is presently admitted in the Jaslok Hospital, Bombay and is getting treatment of his choice. He has been undergoing dialysis at Bombay and Patna. If it is found necessary to provide any facilities at any other place the Ministry of Health will consider the same.

Issue of Licences to West Bengal

116 SHRI SOUGATA ROY Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) the number of industrial licences issued to West Bengal in 1976-77, and

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(a) the progress of work at the nuclear power stations at Kalpakkam and Rana Pratap Sagar,

(b) the reasons for delay in completion of work,

(c) whether the external aid positions with respect to these power stations is satisfactory, and

(d) the Government's policy with regard to fast breeder reactors for future power stations?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) The first unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station has been in commercial operation since December 1973. Pre-commissioning trial runs of various system of the second unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project are in progress. As regards the first unit of the Madras Atomic Power Project at Kalpakkam the work of erection of major nuclear equipment and turbo generator is in an advanced stage. Civil works have been largely completed for the second unit and manufacture of equipment is in progress.

(b) The delay in completion has been mainly due to delays encountered

in the indigenous manufacture of major nuclear and conventional equipment, non-availability at certain times of essential construction material and difficulties experienced in procuring from alternative sources specialised equipment affected by the embargo imposed by certain countries

(c) We are no longer dependent on external aid for the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project. The Madras Atomic Power Project is being set up without any external aid.

(d) Government have initiated a programme so that eventually substantial quantities of power can be generated using relatively more abundant thorium. The programme consists of the setting up of an experimental Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu by 1979-80 for providing experience in the construction and operation of sodium cooled fast breeder reactors as a first step. The next step will be the construction of commercial fast breeder reactors after sufficient experience has been gained in the operation of the FBTR.

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(b) While Government do not approve of their ideology and reiterate that violent activities on the part of Naxalities would be firmly dealt with in accordance with law Government are also of the view that indefinite continuance in detention of such persons cannot be a solution to the problem posed by them. The State Governments are therefore, being advised to release all such Naxalities in detention except in cases where such detentions had been made on account of their recent indulgence in violent activities. The State Governments are being further advised that investigation and trial of cases involving Naxalities may be expedited.

Stopping of Advertisement/Propaganda regarding 20-Point Programme

119 SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN
SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether his ministry has stopped all kinds of advertisements/propaganda regarding the 20-Point economic programme evolved by the previous Governments

(b) the reason therefor, and

(c) the total amount spent so far for this purpose indicating month-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) and (b) All media have been directed to revert to the publicity strategy as it obtained prior to the declaration of Emergency. However, important socio-economic programmes would continue to be publicised.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Implementation of 20-point economic Programme

120 SHRI A. K. RAJAN Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have decided to stop the implementation of the 20-Point economic Programme, and

(b) if so the reason therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) The 20-point economic programme is obviously ad-hoc in character. There are no inter se defined priorities nor clearly established interconnections. It is also not clear what is the relationship between this programme and planned economic development. Consequently many items which form part of accepted national policy do not figure in the programme. The Government will carefully study such omissions and thereafter integrate them with the comprehensive economic programme within the framework of our planning and in terms of the broad economic objectives set out in the Acting President's speech to Parliament.

(b) Does not arise

Plan Outlay for Fifth Plan

121 SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM
SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) the total plan outlay for the current Fifth Plan period,

(b) the total amount to be allocated annually for the State sector (public sector) for the current plan period and

(c) the rate of growth in the public sector during this period?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c). Chapter V of the Fifth Five Year Plan 1974-79 gives the details of Plan outlays. The revised plan outlay for the public sector as approved by the National Development Council at its meetings held on September 24-25, 1976 is Rs. 39,303 crores excluding provision for inventories. The year-wise break-up of this outlay together with the year-by-year percentage growth rate are set out below:—

| Year | Annual plan outlay | % Increase over the previous year's plan outlay. |
|---------|--------------------|--|
| 1974-75 | 4843.68 | 10.9 |
| 1975-76 | 5978.09 | 23.4 |
| 1976-77 | 7851.92 | 31.3 |
| 1977-78 | 9953.00 | 26.8 |

Implementation of Recommendations for benefit of Delhi Police Personnel

122. SHRI M. KALYANA SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision regarding the recommendations made in 1968 for the benefit of the Delhi Police personnel; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for delay in implementing them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). It is presumed that the question refers to the recommendations made by the Delhi Police Commission (1966-63)

The recommendations made by the Commission have been considered. A statement indicating the action taken on the relevant recommendations is laid on the Table of the

House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-108/77].

Setting up of Space Stations in 1977-78

123. SHRI M. KALYANA SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of space stations Government propose to set up in the financial year 1977-78; and

(b) the performance of the existing stations?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) None, Sir

(b) The performance of the existing stations, namely, the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) at Trivandrum, The Experimental Satellite Communication Earth Station (ESCES), at Ahmedabad, the Delhi Earth Station (DES) at Delhi, the Satellite Tracking and Ranging Station (STARS) at Kavaloor, Tamilnadu, is satisfactory.

Release of persons Detained under MISA and DIR

124. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:

SHRI C. K. CHANDAPPAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released all the detenus who were arrested under MISA and DIR in all the States; and

(b) if so, their number, State wise?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). Presumably the information is required in respect of persons detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act in the context of emergency proclaimed on 25th June, 1975. On 19th March, 1977, 10303 persons in whose cases

Section 16A of the Act was invoked were in detention. With the revocation of emergency on 21st March, 77 all these detenues were released. State-wise break-up is given in the attached statement.

There is no provision under the *Defence and Internal Security of India Rules, 1971* for preventive detention.

Statement

Sl. No. Name of the State/ Union Territory Number of persons released.

| | | |
|-------|------------------|-------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 256 |
| 2 | Assam | 129 |
| 3 | Bihar | 1412 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 266 |
| 5 | Haryana | 19 |
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | 2 |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | 221 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 110 |
| 9 | Kerala | 388 |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | 1390 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 1414 |
| 12 | Manipur | 29 |
| 13 | Meghalaya | 22 |
| 14 | Nagaland | 24 |
| 15 | Orissa | 137 |
| 16 | Punjab | 28 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | 143 |
| 18 | Sikkim | 4 |
| 19 | Tamil Nadu | 130 |
| 20 | Tripura | 13 |
| 21 | Uttar Pradesh | 4406 |
| 22 | West Bengal | 217 |
| 23 | Chandigarh | 4 |
| 24 | Delhi | 74 |
| 25 | Goa—Daman & Diu | 8 |
| 26 | Mizoram | 55 |
| 27 | Pondicherry | 12 |
| Total | | 10903 |

The information in respect of Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep is 'nil'.

Consumption of Energy for Industrial and Agricultural Production

125. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN:

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN:

Will the State Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how much energy was consumed for the industrial production and Agricultural production and for the development of space technology during the years 1975-76, 1976-77;

(b) whether due to power failure the industrial production was affected in the country,

(c) if so, the facts thereof,

(d) whether Government have taken a decision to change the energy policy; and

(e) if so, the main feature thereof

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The energy consumed in the industrial production and agricultural production for the year 74-75 & 75-76 is as under:—

| | Industries
(Million Kwhr) | Agriculture |
|-------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 74-75 | 38278 | 7763 |
| 75-76 | 43346 | 8721 |

The actual consumption of energy during 76-77 has so far not been compiled as the figures are generally compiled after the completion of the financial year.

The details of the energy consumed for the development of space technology is as under:

| | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 75-76 | 8 330 Million Kwhr |
| 76-77 | 12 754 Million Kwhr |

(b) and (c) It is not possible to assess the extent of loss in production solely due to power shortage as a number of other factors are also involved.

(d) and (e). The main components of the Energy Policy are indicated below

(1) To the extent practicable and economic, coal shall be the principal source of energy in the country and, therefore, its exploration, exploitation and utilisation should be programmed accordingly

(2) The policy for oil shall be to reduce the quantity of imports and to maximise indigenous production,

(3) Use of oil shall be substituted wherever technically and economically possible, by other forms of energy.

(4) The rate of growth of electricity production should be adequate to meet the future needs including the additional demands arising from the use of electricity in place of oil.

(5) Electricity production should be based on the use of hydro power, coal and nuclear energy.

(6) The policy relating to commercial forms of energy should be reviewed every year in the first instance

(7) A study of the transport system, in terms of energy needs, should be made so as to plan the future growth of this sector.

(8) Meeting rural energy needs shall be given high priority

(9) A rapid increase shall be made in the use of bio-gas.

(10) The social forestry programme shall be implemented more effectively.

(11) Alternative fuels to kerosene should be provided and consump-

tion of kerosene discouraged, particularly by the use of price mechanism

(12) Energy production and utilisation must be made as efficient as possible

(13) The pricing for energy should be such that at a reasonable level of operating efficiency, an adequate return to the industry is guaranteed and it is able to generate large funds for development purposes. Prices should also promote the desired pattern of energy use and provide energy conservation

(14) The non-conventional energy sources like solar and geo-thermal energy, bio-gas, tidal power etc. should be developed with the greatest priority to solar energy and bio-gas

(15) The R&D programmes relating to energy should be pursued vigorously

(16) Implementation of the energy policy should be adequately monitored and frequently reviewed. Government will keep constantly under review the various aspects of Energy Policy with a view to ensuring its conformity with the overall requirements of the economy.

Increased Pension to Ex-Servicemen

126 SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state—

(a) how many ex-servicemen have got increased pension so far; and

(b) how many widows of the sepoy's had been given financial assistance to set up self-employment projects in 1972-73, 1973-74 and 1974-75?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) (a) As a result of the acceptance of the recommendations of the Third Pay

Commission and Government* decisions thereon the pension of 1970 Commissioned Officers and 53 738 personnel below officer rank who retired on or after 1-1-1973 has so far been increased.

(b) The number of cases in which Directorate General of Resettlement has arranged financial assistance is as follows —

1972-73 — Nil

1973-74 — 5

1974-75 — 10

Setting up Atomic Power Projects

127 SHRI P. K. KODIYAN Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more atomic power projects in the country and

(b) if so the number of such projects and their location?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) and (b) The Committee appointed by Government for selection of suitable sites for the setting up of Nuclear Power Stations has submitted its reports in respect of the Western and Southern Electricity Regions. The reports of the Committee are under consideration of Government

Setting up of a T.V. Centre in Kerala

128 SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a T.V. Centre in Kerala State,

(b) the name of the place where the proposed T.V. Centre is likely to be set up and whether any preliminary survey has been made, and

(c) total expenditure anticipated and when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Shortage of Vanaspathi in Kerala

129 SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of Vanaspathi in Kerala State, and

(b) if so steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) (a) and (b) Shortage of vanaspathi in Kerala has been reported by the State Government since October, 1976. Vanaspathi manufacturers were asked to augment supplies to Kerala and as a result, against the estimated requirement of the State of 318 tonnes per month, the following are the despatches of vanaspathi made to the State of Kerala since October, 1976

| Month | Quantity despatched (in tonnes) |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| October, 1976 | 163 |
| November, 1976 | 266 |
| December, 1976 | 342 |
| January, 1977 | 336 |
| February, 1977 | 370 |

Quality of Cars

130 SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether the quality and the standard of the cars manufactured in

the country is diminishing day by day and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the quality as the prices of the cars are going up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA): (a) and

(b). The fall in demand for passenger cars as a result of the high prices of cars and higher maintenance cost on account of the increase in the prices of petrol and lubricants has brought in the operation of the 'buyer's market'. As a result, the price control on all the three makes of passenger cars has been removed with effect from 1st January, 1975. There has been a fall in the prices of passenger cars since then. The quality of Indian cars in general, however, requires to be brought up to the desired standards. To meet this objective, a scheme has been introduced for checking the quality of cars through periodical testing from the production line and feed-back to manufacturers of the defects noticed during the testing so that corrective measures are taken by them to improve the quality. A Quality Assurance Cell has been set up by the Controller of Inspection (Vehicles), at Ahmednagar to enforce quality consciousness on the manufacturers by analysing the defects noticed, pin-pointing the causes for the same and suggesting remedial measures after carrying out a thorough inspection.

Introduction of Yuva Vani Programme at Trivandrum

131. SHRI SEKARIAH THOMAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken final decision to introduce Yuva Vani programme at Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Trivandrum Station of Akashvani started the broadcast of Yuva Vani programme with effect from 3rd April, 1977

Release of Economic Offenders

132 SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after lifting the internal emergency by the Government of India, the economic offenders were released;

(b) whether there is any proposal to enact a new law to deal with those matters; and

(c) if so, whether it will be with the retrospective effect?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) With the revocation of emergency proclaimed on 25th June, 1975 in the context of threat of internal disturbance on 21st March, 1977, economic offenders held under section 16A of the Maintenance of Internal Security Act and section 12A of Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act were released as the aforesaid provisions lapsed. As regards economic offenders being proceeded against under the provisions of the Defence and Internal Security of India Rules the Government do not consider it appropriate to withdraw action initiated during the emergency.

(b) and (c). The strengthening of existing laws to deal with economic offenders is under examination in the address of the Vice President acting as President on 28th March, 1977.

Number of Motion Picture Banned during Emergency

133 DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT—Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) how many Motion Picture were banned by the Censor Board on Political reasons during the Emergency period

(b) is it a fact that the film entitled "KISSA KURSI KA"—produced by Shri Amrit Nahata was blamed by the Censor Board on Political reasons

(c) whether the Government order ed reconsideration of all such banned films and

(d) if so how many decisions have been changed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) The power to ban picture does not vest with the Censor Board but with Government. The only picture banned by Government during this period on grounds other than violence sex, vulgarity etc. was "AT FIVE PAST FIVE".

(b) This picture was not banned but refused certificate

(c) No Sir

(d) Does not arise

Imposition of Complete Censorship on Newspapers in Madhya Pradesh

134 DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT—Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether on or about 18th March, 1977 complete censorship was imposed on Raipur (M.P.) newspapers by the Additional District Magistrate Raipur on printing/publication of the news items relating to the attack on a Janta candidate and Party Workers;

(b) whether Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and the former Union Minister of Information and Broad casting had given the above orders of censorship

(c) whether President of the Madhya Pradesh Union of Working Journalist (Raipur Unit) has complained about this incident, and

(d) whether Government have investigated the matter and if so, action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) to (d) Government's attention has been drawn to a press report of this incident. Government, however, has made enquiries from the Government of M. P. but no reply has yet been received

भारत रक्षा नियमों के अन्तर्गत राजनीतिक बन्धियों के विचाराधीन मामले

135. श्री मुखराज :

श्री छवी राम शर्मा :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत रक्षा नियमों के अन्तर्गत राजनीतिक बन्धियों के मामले विचाराधीन हैं,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उनकी राज्यवार संख्या कितनी है, और

(ग) भारत रक्षा नियमों के अन्तर्गत चलाये गये मामलों को सरकार का बच सक बापस लेने का विचार है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री श्री चरण सिंह): (ग) और (ख) भारत रक्षा तथा आन्तरिक सुरक्षा नियमों के अधीन मामलों में अन्तर्गत राजनीतिक व्यक्तियों की संख्या से सम्बन्धित सूचना

राज्य सरकारो तथा सय राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनो से एक्जित की जा रही है।

(ग) भारत रक्षा तथा भ्रान्तरिक सुरक्षा नियमो के अधीन जाच-पडताल तथा विचारण के लिए सम्बित पडे मामलो पर पुनर्विचार करने और आधिक अपराधियो तथा हिंसक कार्यों के दोषी व्यक्तियो के मामलो को छोडकर सभी मामलो को वापस लेने के लिए राज्य सरकारो सय राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनो को अनुदेश दिये गये हैं। इन अनुदेशों मे वे व्यक्ति भी शामिल हैं जिन्हें न्यायालयो द्वारा भारत रक्षा तथा भ्रान्तरिक सुरक्षा नियमो के विभिन्न उपबन्धो के अधीन सजा दी गई है और राज्य सरकारो सय राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनो को उपर्युक्त दोनो श्रेणियो के कैदियो के मामलो, अर्थात् आधिक अपराधियो और हिंसक कार्यों के दोषी व्यक्तियो को छोड कर ऐसे सभी कैदियो की सजाए जो उनके द्वारा काटी नही गई हैं माफ करने की सलाह दी गई है।

Geo-Thermal Power Sources

136 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether there are any Geo-Thermal Power sources in our country, and

(b) whether the Government are utilising the sources?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P RAMACHANDRAN) (a) Geo thermal manifestations in the form of hot springs occur in several parts of the country. The most important among these are located in North-western Himalayas and along the West Coast.

(b) Investigations are at present in progress in promising areas in the North Western Himalayas and along the West Coast to establish the geo-

thermal energy potential and examine the feasibility of utilising it for power generation. Some experiments relating to utilisation of geo-thermal energy from some investigation holes have been tried for uses other than power generation like refining borax and sulphur.

Utilisation of Solar Energy

137 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether any research is being conducted regarding utilisation of solar energy, and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P RAMACHANDRAN) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Research activities are directed towards developing (i) thermal uses of solar energy, and (ii) direct conversion into electricity. The thermal uses of solar energy require devising of collector systems and using this energy directly or by converting it into mechanical energy. Considerable progress has been made in developing flat plate collectors which enable solar energy to be utilised at low and medium temperatures. Work is continuing on improving the collection system by evolving appropriate selective coatings and on reducing the cost of collection. Priorities have also been laid down for the end use of such energy and the main items are as follows:

- (i) pumping for irrigation purposes;
- (ii) drying of agricultural products;
- (iii) cooling for food preservation;
- (iv) desalination of salt and brackish water;
- (v) water heating and space heating;
- (vi) air conditioning.

Work on developing suitable systems for these items has been undertaken. As yet, the only item which is near commercial viability is that for water and space heating. In addition, a pilot project has also been taken up for using the thermal energy collected through flat plate collectors for generating electricity, using the conventional technology. The plant is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1977.

Technical feasibility of directly converting solar energy into electricity, using solar cells, has been established but the systems are costly and not economically viable. Work is continuing for improving technology and reducing costs.

National Consumer Protection Council

138. SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a National Consumer Protection Council in the country;

(b) if so, its activities; and

(c) whether it is having branches in the States?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). A decision has been taken to set up a National Consumer Protection Council to build up and foster consumer movement in the country. The activities envisaged for this apex body include tendering of advice to the Central Government on matters related to production, supplies and distribution of essential commodities; examination of consumer grievances and initiation of remedial action; bringing to the notice of the concerned agencies problems relating to trade practices or prices of specified commodities, collecting and disseminating information relating to consumer matters; assisting State Governments and Union Territories in development of the consumer movement in their areas and providing assistance, including financial assistance, to organisations and associations

formed for the welfare of the consumers.

(c) The composition of the Council is in the process of being finalised. The Council will then decide the modality of its operations including the establishment of branches.

Launching of Satellite

139 SHRI P RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to launch a satellite in the near future;

(b) if so, the main feature thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is expected to be launched?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (c). It is proposed to launch two satellites in the near future viz., Satellite for Earth Observation which will be launched sometime in 1978 and the Rohini Satellite which will be launched in 1979.

(b) The Satellite for Earth Observation is essentially a modification of Aryabhata, having more complex payload, data handling and control system. This satellite will weigh slightly over 400 Kgs and will carry two television cameras and microwave radiometers payloads. This would enable photography and remote sensing of gross features, which will be applicable to forestry, study of bio masses, hydrological features, etc.

The Rohini Satellite, which will be launched with the use of Indian made satellite launch vehicle, will weigh approximately 40 Kgs. This satellite will essentially carry technological payloads to monitor the performance of the launch vehicle.

Election of Director in the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd., New Delhi

140. SHRI SHEO SAMPAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bye-laws of the Central Government Employees Consumers Cooperative Society Ltd., New Delhi and the Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 1973 provide that an elected delegate cannot be elected as Director if his relation is already working as an employee of that Society;

(b) whether any delegate of the above Society has written to the Chairman, Board of Directors about certain directors in this regard, if so, when; and

(c) the action taken by the management on this complaint so far and the reasons for delay in taking action?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 1973 provide that no person shall be eligible for election as a Director if inter alia he is a near relative of a paid employee of the Society, and that if any question arises whether or not a member is a near relative of the said employee, it shall be referred to the Registrar whose decision thereon shall be final.

The bye laws of the Society are, however, silent in the matter.

(b) Yes, Sir; on the 4th September, 1976.

(c) The management referred the complaint to the competent authority viz., the Registrar of Cooperative Societies for a decision later that month. There has been no delay in taking action.

Cases referred to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi by Consumer Cooperative Societies.

141. SHRI SHEO SAMPAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of cases referred to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi by different Consumer Cooperative Societies functioning in Delhi during the year 1976 and particularly by the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society Ltd., New Delhi; and

(b) when such cases were received in the Registrar's office and when these cases were disposed of by that office and the decision communicated to the Society concerned?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES & COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) During 1976, about 550 references were made to the Registrar of Cooperative Societies Delhi by the consumer co-operative societies functioning in Delhi. The nature of references related to a number of aspects, such as, amendment of byelaws, information about change of addresses, requests for allotment of shops, allotment of confiscated goods, controlled cloth, fair-price shops requests for financial assistance, applications for import licences, election disputes, complaints of overdue elections, stock verification, writing off of bad debts, claims regarding payments, non-maintenance of records, audit, references to arbitration, and the like.

So far as the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Store New Delhi is concerned, 21 references were received by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi during the year 1976 on matters pertaining to general body meeting, declaration of dividends, claims of employees, approval for writing off bad debts, stock verification, request for godown accommodation, utilisation of reserve fund, amendment of bye-laws and other allied matters.

(b) Out of the 21 references received from the Central Government Employees Consumer Cooperative Society 14 cases have been disposed of by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi and in 7 cases clarification has

been sought from the Society. A statement indicating the position is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No. LT 109/77] A

Supply of Uranium by U.S. for Tarapur Atomic Power Station

142 SHRI SHEO SAMPAT Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether the question of shipment of uranium for the Tarapur Atomic Power Station by U.S. is still in a fluid state

(b) when the uranium is expected to be received and the effect of the delayed shipment and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) It is not certain when the enriched uranium will be received. However, if there is delay beyond May 1977, the operation of the Tarapur Atomic Power Station could be affected by mid 1978

(c) The Government have informed the U.S. authorities of the adverse effects such delay can have on the availability of power in the western region and have also emphatically conveyed that such delays are not in consonance with the contractual obligations of the Government to Government agreement on the supply of fuel to the Tarapur reactors.

Shortage of Staff in Nepal Unit of A. I. R.

143 SHRI K. B. CHETTRI Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether smooth functioning of the Nepal unit in N.S.D. and E.S.D. in A.I.R. has been hampered because of the shortage of staff, and

(b) if so, steps Government propose to take to recruit more staff?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

भासुका (मीसा) और भारत रक्षा
नियमों के अन्तर्गत गिरफ्तार किये
गये सरकारी कर्मचारी

144. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव :

श्री सुभाष झाजूरा :

श्री आरिफ बेग :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्राप्ति स्थिति के दौरान 'भासुका' और भारत रक्षा नियमों के अन्तर्गत विदेश केन्द्रीय सरकारी कर्मचारियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया ;

(ख) क्या बहुत से कर्मचारियों को आज तक भी सेवा में वापस नहीं लिया गया है ;

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार का क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है ; और

(घ) क्या उन्हें सेवा से निलम्बित करने और सेवा से निकालने की प्रवृत्ति का भी बेटन दिया जायेगा ?

गृह मंत्री (श्रीपरी चरण सिंह) : (क) से (घ) : सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और यथा समय सदन के सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

उद्योगों का विकेन्द्रीकरण

145. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद यादव : क्या उद्योग मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उद्योगों के विकेन्द्रीकरण की दिशा में सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने जा रही है,

(ख) क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में औद्योगीकरण की दिशा में सरकार अभी तक उदासीन रही है, और

(ग) यदि हा, तो इस दिशा में सरकार क्या कदम उठाना चाहती है ?

उद्योग मन्त्री (श्री बृज लाल वर्मा) :

(क) से (ग) : औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में विवास, सामाजिक न्याय और आत्म निर्भरता के उद्देश्यों की प्राप्ति सम्बन्धी सरकार की औद्योगिक नीति सफल, 1956 से विनियमित है। औद्योगिक नीति सफल, 1956 में इस बात पर बल दिया गया है कि सरकारी नीति का उद्देश्य यह सुनिश्चित करना होगा कि विकेन्द्रीकृत क्षेत्र स्वात्मयी बनने के लिए पर्याप्त क्षमता प्राप्त करें तथा इसका विकास बड़े उद्योगों के साथ समन्वित रूप में हो। अतः सरकार तत्पु उद्योगा उत्पादका की प्रति-योगी सामर्थ्य में सुधार करने सम्बन्धी अभ्युपायों पर ध्यान केन्द्रित करेगी। सन्तुलित क्षेत्रीय विकास करना भी सरकार की नीति है ताकि देश के विभिन्न भागों में उद्योग स्थापित किए जा सकें। राष्ट्रीय नियोजन का एक उद्देश्य यह सुनिश्चित करना भी है कि बिजली, परिवहन आदि सम्बन्धी सुविधाएं उन क्षेत्रों का भी स्थायी तौर पर उपलब्ध कराई जायें जो इस समय औद्योगिक दृष्टि से पिछड़े हुए हैं तथा जहाँ रोजगार के अवसर प्रदान करने की बहुत मध्य जरूरत है।

बसते स्थापना ध्यान सभी दृष्टियों से सम्पन्न हो। वर्तमान सरकार इस बात पर गम्भीरता पूर्वक विचार कर रही है कि उद्योगों के विकेन्द्रीकरण के लिए अपेक्षित क्या अभ्युपाय किए जाने चाहिए।

मंत्रियों पर किया गया दाय

146 श्री राधवजी क्या गृह मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार ने 1 1-76 से 31 12-76 तक की अवधि में केन्द्रीय सरकार के प्रत्येक मंत्री के टेलीफोन, बिजली, निवास स्थान की मरम्मत एवं यात्राओं पर, पृथक्-पृथक् कितना व्यय किया ?

गृह मन्त्री (चौधरी चरण सिंह) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

श्री सजय गांधी द्वारा सरकारी विमानों में यात्रा

147 श्री राधवजी क्या रक्षा मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या मूलपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री के पुत्र श्री सजय गांधी न 25 जून, 1975 के पश्चात् सरकारी विमानों द्वारा यात्रा की थी, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उसने ऐसे विमानों में कितनी बार यात्रा की और सरकार ने इस पर कितना खर्च किया ?

रक्षा मन्त्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) उसने वायु सेना के विमानों में 49 अवसरों पर मम्मा पटल पर रब्रे गये विवरण "क" और "ख" में दी गई उड़ान सूचियों के अनुसार यात्रा की। (प्रश्नालव में रखा गया। देखिये मम्मा एनटी 110/77)

विषय "ब" में जो उद्देश्य दी गई है उनमें श्री संजय गांधी ने प्रयाग मंत्री तथा उन अन्य केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों की पार्टी के सदस्य के रूप में यात्रा की जिनके भाग पत्रों पर उद्देश्यों का प्रवचन किया गया था। वर्तमान घाटेनों के अन्तर्गत प्रयाग मंत्री और सम्बन्धित मंत्री भारतीय वायु सेना का प्रति निमित्त व्यक्ति (बी आई पी) विमान उपाय करने के लिए प्राधिकृत हैं। वे अपने साथ किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति (व्यक्तियों) को ले जा सकते हैं जिसे मंत्री की यात्रा की सरकारी इच्छा के प्रयोजन के लिए विमान में ले जाना आवश्यक हो।

विषय "घ" में जो उद्देश्य दी गई है उनमें श्री संजय गांधी ने भारतीय वायु सेना के विमान में उन रात्रियों के भ्रमण मंत्रियों के साथ यात्रा की है जिनके लिए भ्रमण करने पर उद्देश्यों की व्यवस्था की गई थी। भारतीय वायु सेना के विमानों में श्री संजय गांधी की यात्रा के लिए केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा प्रत्येक से व्यय नहीं किया गया क्योंकि उसने प्रति निमित्त व्यक्ति, परम निमित्त व्यक्ति या द्वारा प्राधिकृत माय-मजदूर प्रत्येक राज्य सरकारों द्वारा भ्रमण करने पर उपलब्ध विमान में यात्रा की थी।

Alleged Irregularities in Maruti Car Factory

148 SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several irregularities have been alleged to have been committed by various individuals and authorities during the construction of the Maruti Car Factory on the outskirts of New Delhi,

(b) if so, whether a public, independent inquiry will be instituted in connection therewith,

(c) whether the factory has gone into production, and

(d) if so, the details of production todate?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJLAL VERMA) (a) and (b) The Ministry of Industry is not aware of any irregularities alleged to have been committed during the construction of the Maruti Car Factory. However based on the details of the factory building duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, release of 5555 tonnes of construction steel in a phased manner was recommended to the appropriate authority.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) According to the information furnished by M/s Maruti Limited in May 1976, the manufacture of cars had commenced at the rate of about 15/20 cars per month with effect from 7th July, 1975.

Time Capsule

149 SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to unearth the Time Capsule embedded in the earth in Delhi a couple of years ago, and

(b) if so when?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) and (b) The Government shall take the earliest opportunity to examine the entire matter in detail and then finalise the course of action.

Investigation in an Alleged Assault on Shri Sanjay Gandhi

150 SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that on the morning of March 14, 1977 the All India Radio broadcast a news item regarding an alleged assault on Shri Sanjay Gandhi reported to have taken place the previous night, and

(b) whether an investigation has been made into the alleged incident if so with what result?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) A news item regarding the alleged assault on Shri Sanjay Gandhi was broadcast by Akashvani on the morning of March 15 1977 (and not March 14 1977)

(b) Case No 39 under section 307 of the Indian Penal Code has been registered on 15 3 1977 at 12 45 A.M. at Police Station Amethi Investigation of this case is under progress

Introduction of a Bill for appointment of Lokpal and Lokayuktas

151 **SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill for appointment of Lokpal and Lokayuktas in accordance with the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission, vide its report of 1968 and

(b) if so when?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) (a) and (b) The Government have already initiated action to examine the matter with a view to introducing as soon as possible the necessary legislation having regard to the recommendations of the or setting up the institutions of Lokpal and Lokayuktas at the Centre

2.05 hrs.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

ALLEGED ANNOUNCEMENT OF A POLICY LATTER BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING OUTSIDE THE HOUSE RE. COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF STERILISATION

श्री केशवराव धोंडग (नांदेड) सदर साहब, मैं रूस 222 के तहत यहाँ पर प्रिवि

लेज मोशन पेश कर रहा हूँ। इस सभा का अधिवेशन जारी रहते हुए गवर्नमेंट की कोई भी पालिसी चाहे वह इकोनोमिक हो, या फमिली प्लानिंग के सम्बन्ध में हो, वह पहले हाउस के सामने आनी चाहिए। सदर साहब, बड़ भयसोस की बात है कि स्वास्थ्य मंत्री, सम्माननीय राज नारायण साहब ने वानपुर में 3 अप्रैल को एक वक्तव्य दिया जिसमें उन्होंने कहा कि स्टैरेलाइजेशन के बारे में, फमिली प्लानिंग के बारे में जिन पर ज्यादािया हुई हैं उनमें से हर आदमी को पांच हजार रुपये देने के बारे में उन्होंने स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को लिखा है। इस तरह के उन्होंने कई घोषणाएँ की हैं। इसलिए मेरी गुजारिश है कि यह इस सभा का खुल्लमखुल्ला अपमान है कि इस सदन का अधिवेशन चलते हुए उन्होंने इस तरह की घोषणा यहाँ नहीं की। हम तो बाहर और यहाँ जम्हूरियत की बात करते हैं लोकशाही की बात करते हैं। यह बाढ़ी सावरन है, इस सावरन बाढ़ी में पहले वक्तव्य न देना और बाहर दे देना यह ठीक नहीं है। मेरे ख्याल में यह सभा का अपमान है। इस तरह का रवैया ठीक नहीं है। पहले उन्हें यहाँ वक्तव्य देना चाहिए था। (व्यवधान) मैं उनसे भर्ज करूँगा कि इसके सम्बन्ध में सभा की सूचना दें। और सदर साहब आप इस बारे में इन्सफ़र दें ऐसा मैं आपको और सभागृह को गुजारिश करता हूँ।

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री (श्री राज नारायण) अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे विरुद्ध विशेषाधिकार की अवहेलना का प्रस्ताव पेश किया गया है। मुझे खुशी है कि माननीय सदस्य ने मेरे विरुद्ध विशेषाधिकार अवहेलना का प्रस्ताव रखा है। ऐसे प्रस्तावों का मैं बहुत सम्मान करता हूँ। जब जब मेरे सदीय जीवन में मेरे विरुद्ध विशेषाधिकार अवहेलना के प्रश्न रखे गये तब तब मैं उनका स्वागत किया है। आज भी मैं इसका स्वागत करता हूँ।

[श्री राज नारायण]

यह विशेषाधिकार प्रवहेना का प्रस्ताव क्या है, मैं उसको पढ़ देता हूँ उन्होंने चापस न पड़ा हो। "3-4-77 को कानपुर में केन्द्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्री श्री राजनारायण ने पत्र-प्रतिनिधियों का एक मुलाकात में बताया कि जिन लोगों के साथ कुटुम्ब नियोजन के प्रत्यक्ष सन्धियों की गई हैं उनको न्याय दे देने के लिए प्रत्येक को पांच हजार रुपये का सहायता देने का आदेश केन्द्रीय सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों को दिया है। ऐसी घोषणा उन्होंने की। इतना ही नहीं, जिन पर जबरन कुटुम्ब नियोजन का आदेश दिया है उन पर दुबारा मुक्त आदेशन कर, उनकी नस जुड़ाई जाए, ऐसा भी उन्होंने घोषित किया।"

श्रीमान्, अब तक जो नीति रही है, वह मैं इस सदन के सम्मानित सदस्यों की जानकारी के लिए पढ़ देना चाहता हूँ। जो मैं पढ़ रहा हूँ इसमें ऊपर बहुत ज्यादा है कि किम हालत में मो न्याय दिया जाए, जिसमें सत्तर रुपये दिया जाए, यानी यह सफ़र उस मन्त्रिमंडल के समय का है जिसमें हमारे बाबू जी मंत्री थे, उसमें लिखा है कि "यदि नमबदी आदेशन, लूप निवेशन करवाने वाले व्यक्ति की आदेशन या निवेशन के दस दिनों के भीतर मौन हो जाती है तो इस निधि में से पांच हजार रुपये की रकम उसने जीवन पति-पत्नी को प्रत्येक यदि उसका पति या पत्नी जीवित न हो तो उसकी जाति-विरादारी को दे दी जाए, भत्ते ही मौन का कारण छ भी हो। जिन मामलों में नमबदी आदेशन, लूप निवेशन के, तारीख से चार सप्ताह के बीच कोई अटिलता उत्पन्न हो जाए और तत्पश्चात् उस व्यक्ति की मृत्यु हो जाए तो भी यह भयापित हो जाने पर कि मृत्यु नमबदी आदेशन या लूप निवेशन के परिणामस्वरूप हुई है, पांच हजार रुपये की रकम अनुग्रहपूर्वक अनुदान के रूप में दे दी जाए। यह जो हमने कहा है यह पहले की पालिसी है—(व्यवधान) अनावश्यक दाय से बीच से बोलने से कोश मजा नहीं मिलेगा।

मैं उसने प्रवृत्ता भी नहीं। लेकिन जरा धीरे धीरे मैं जाना चाहता हूँ। यह प्रश्न तो धाक हो गया और मैं समझता हूँ कि माननीय सदस्य सभ्य गए होंगे कि यह चीज कार्यान्वित हो रही है। हमें धुंकी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के जो स्वास्थ्य मंत्री हैं वह हम को दस बजे मिनट के लिए आए थे और उन्होंने कहा कि हम इनको कार्यान्वित कर रहे हैं। अगर कहीं गड़बड़ी घातको मात्तुम हो तो हमें निश्चित रूप से बर्नाई जाए और हम उसको सांगू करेंगे। हम समझते हैं कि हरियाणा की सरकार से भी यही धाया है कि भी इनको कार्यान्वित करने और जगमें तनिष भी मौन मेध नहीं निशानेय। सारी राज्य सरकारें हमारा जो सफ़र कर गया है इस सम्बन्ध में उनसे मुताबिक इनको कार्यान्वित करने के लिए तैयार हैं। जिसका बँस है वह तो कहता है कि गरियार है और पड़ोसी यह कहे कि चलता है तो मैं इसको समझ नहीं सकता हूँ। मैं धाने जा सकता था। मैं कह देना चाहता हूँ कि यह प्रश्न सफ़र है लेकिन हमारी कॅबिनेट में अभी इस पर पूरी तरह से विचार नहीं हुआ है। नमबदी करते समय जिनकी मृत्यु हो गई थी उनको सरकार मुआवजा दिलाए, इस सम्बन्ध में पुतिष की फाईल... (व्यवधान) धाव हल्ता मत करें। मैं धाने जाना चाहता हूँ.....

श्री कोशवराय धोंडगे. क्या मुझ बोलने का हक नहीं है। मंत्री महोदय ने मरने वालों के बजाय जिन्दा के बारे में भी कहा है। मंत्री महोदय ने कहा है हल्ता मत करिये। इसका मतलब क्या है?

श्री राज नारायण हल्ता मजद के माने नहीं समझते हैं तो क्या मुझे माने बताने पड़ेंगे? अगर हल्ता मजद से इनको तकनीक है तो मैं वापिस लेता हूँ। मेरा कहने का धमि-प्राय यह है कि शोर न हो, सदन की जिनसी और डकोरम, मर्यादा और सुदृष्टि कायम रहे।

पुरानी सरकार ने हवाई जहाज के एक्सीडेंट से जो मरते थे उनको एक लाख रुपये

देने का पैगला दिया था और दती थी। क्या भाव जीना का मूल्य जो गरीबों का है उसको गिरा दिया जाएगा ? गरीब मरता है, हरिजन का बच्चा मरता है पिछड़ों हुई जानि का घादमी मरता है पुनिम की गानी में क्या उसका सुपायजा न दिया जाए ? इसनिष्ठ हमारी कमिन्ट इस पर विचार करेगी। बकिन यह प्रश्न इस समय यहां नहीं । हम जो समझानेवाले हैं उनको तरफ ध्यान देना होगा । यह जनता पार्टी की सरकार है बुजुर्गों सरकार नहीं है ।

MR SPEAKER There is no private question involved.

12.15 hrs

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS, REVIEWS AND ANNUAL REPORTS, NOTIFICATIONS ETC

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI NORARJI DESAI) I beg to lay on the Table

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (2) of section 103 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963

(i) Annual Accounts of the Cochin Port Trust for the year 1973-74 and the Audit Report thereon

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Cochin Port Trust for the year 1974-75 and the Audit Report thereon

(iii) Annual Accounts of the Cochin Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(iv) Annual Accounts of the Paradip Port Trust for the year 1974-75 and the Audit Report thereon

(v) Annual Accounts of the Paradip Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(vi) Annual Accounts of the Calcutta Port Trust for the year 1974-75 and the Audit Report thereon

(vii) Annual Accounts of the Calcutta Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(viii) Annual Accounts of the Bombay Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(ix) Annual Accounts of the Madras Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(x) Annual Accounts of the Kandla Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(xi) Annual Accounts of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(xii) Annual Accounts of the Mormugao Port Trust for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon

(2) Four statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at item Nos (i), (ii), (iv) and (vi) above [Placed in Library See No LT-112/77]

(3) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 —

(a) (i) Review by the Government on the working of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited Calcutta for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Central Inland Water Transport Cor-

poration Limited Calcutta for the year 1975-76 along with the Audit Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-113/77]

(b) (i) Review by the Government on the working of the Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Electronics Corporation of India Limited, Hyderabad for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See

No LT-113/77]

(c) (i) Review by the Government on the working of the Indian Rare Earths Limited, Bombay for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Indian Rare Earths Limited, Bombay, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

[Placed in Library See No LT-113/77]

(d) (i) Review by the Government on the working of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited, Jaduguda for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited, Jaduguda, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-113/77]

(4) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (2) of

section 25 of the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Taxation Act 1974 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 is used by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu-

(i) GO Ms No 2341 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 13th October, 1976.

(ii) G O Ms No 2479 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 13th October, 1976.

(iii) G O R No. 4074 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 20th October, 1976

(iv) GO Ms 2529 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 27th October, 1976

(v) GO Ms. No 2722 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 24th November, 1976

(vi) GO Ms No 2732 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 24th November 1976

(vii) GO Ms No 2885 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 8th December 1976

(viii) GO Ms. No 3332 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 30th December 1976

(ix) GO Ms No 14 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 12th January 1977

(5) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the Notifications mentioned at (4) above [Placed in Library See No LT-114/77]

(6) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (2) of

section 3 of the All India Services Act 1951

(i) The Indian Administrative Service (Appointment by Promotion) Sixth Amendment Regulations 1976, published in Notification No GSR 853(E) in Gazette of India dated the 27th October, 1976

(ii) The Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Fifteenth Amendment Regulations, 1976 published in Notification No GSR 856(E) in Gazette of India dated the 30th October, 1976

(iii) The Indian Police Service (Pay) Sixteenth Amendment Rules 1976, published in Notification No GSR 857(E) in Gazette of India dated the 30th October 1976

(iv) The Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Twenty-second Amendment Rules 1976, published in Notification No GSR 859 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 1st November, 1976

(v) The Indian Police Service (Pay) Fourteenth Amendment Rules, 1976, published in Notification No GSR. 1381 in Gazette of India dated the 13th November, 1976

(vi) The Indian Police Service (Appointment by Promotion) Third Amendment Regulations 1976 published in Notification No GSR 883(E) in Gazette of India dated the 18th November 1976

(vii) The Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Sixteenth Amendment Regulations 1976 published in Notification No GSR. 894(E) in Gazette of India dated the 23rd November 1976

(viii) The Indian Police Service (Pay) Seventeenth Amendment Rules 1976 published in Notification No GSR 895(F) in Gazette of India dated the 23rd November 1976

(ix) The Indian Police Service (Recruitment) Third Amendment Rules 1976, published in Notification No GSR 1678 in Gazette of India dated the 4th December, 1976

(x) The Indian Police Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Seventeenth Amendment Regulations 1976 published in Notification No GSR 823(E) in Gazette of India dated the 17th December, 1976

(xi) The Indian Police Service (Pay) Eighteenth Amendment Rules 1976 published in Notification No GSR 929(F) in Gazette of India dated the 17th December 1976

(xii) The Indian Administrative Service (Fixation of Cadre Strength) Twentyfifth Amendment Regulations 1976 published in Notification No GSR 946(E) in Gazette of India dated the 24th December 1976

(xiii) The Indian Administrative Service (Pay) Twenty fourth Amendment Rules 1976 published in Notification No GSR. 947(E) in Gazette of India dated the 24th December 1976

(xiv) GSR 1765 published in Gazette of India dated the 25th December 1976 containing corrigenda to Notification No GSR. 504 published in Gazette of India dated the 10th April 1976

(xv) The All India Service (Conduct) Second Amendment Rules 1976, published in Notification No GSR 1766 in Gazette of India dated the 2 th December, 1976

English versions) under section 185 of the Navy Act 1957 —

(1) The Navy (Pension) First Amendment Regulations 1977 published in Notification No SRO 52 in Gazette of India dated the 19th February 1977

(2) The Navy (Pension) Second Amendment Regulations 1977 published in Notification No SPO 75 in Gazette of India dated the 12th March, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-119/77]

Presidents Acts under Tamil Nadu state Legislature (Delegation of powers) Act, 1976 Notifications under Essential commodities Act 1955 and under Rice milling industry (Regulation) Act 1958 etc

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA On behalf of Shri Prakash Singh Badal I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following President's Acts (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976 —

(i) The Tamil Nadu Debt Relief Laws (Amendment) Act 1976 (President's Act No. 45 of 1976) published in Gazette of India dated the 29th December 1976

(ii) The Tamil Nadu Debt Relief Laws (Amendment) Act, 1977 (President's Act No 3 of 1977) published in Gazette of India dated the 12th January, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-120/77]

(2) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955 —

(i) The Fertiliser (Control) Eighth Amendment Order 1976 published in Notification No GSR 854(E) in Gazette of India dated the 27th October 1976

(ii) The Fertiliser (Movement Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 1976 published in Notification No SO 696(E) in Gazette of India dated the 28th October, 1976

(iii) GSR 86a(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 2nd November, 1976

(iv) GSR 830(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 15th November 1976

(v) The Gujarat and Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Export) and Paddy (Movement Control) Second Amendment Order 1976 published in Notification No GSR 1975 in Gazette of India dated the 27th November 1976

(vi) The Rajasthan Paddy (Regulation of Movement) Order 1976, published in Notification No GSR 1703 in Gazette of India dated the 4th December 1976

(vii) GSR 917(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 13th December 1976

(viii) The Fertiliser (Movement Control) Amendment Order 1977 published in Notification No GSR 19(E) in Gazette of India dated the 15th January 1977

(ix) GSR. 65(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 8th February, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-121/77]

(3) A copy each the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 22 of the Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act 1958 —

(i) The Rice Milling Industry (Regulation and Licensing) Amendment Rules 1976 published in Notification No GSR. 490(E) in Gazette of India dated the 29th July, 1976

(ii) The Rice Milling Industry (Regulation and Licensing) Amendment Rules, 1977 published in Notification No GSR 234 in

Gazette of India dated the 26th February, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-122/77]

(4) A copy of the Central Warehousing Corporation (Amendment) Rules, 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G.S.R. 338 in Gazette of India dated the 12th March 1977, under sub-section (3) of section 41 of the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962 [Placed in Library See No LT-123/77]

(5) A copy of the Annual Report and Certified Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation, Madras for the year 1973-74 under sub-section (11) of section 31 of the Warehousing Corporation Act 1962 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu

(6) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the above Accounts [Placed in Library See No LT-124/77]

(7) A copy of Notification No G.O. Ms. 341 (Hindi and English versions) published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 7th January 1976 under sub-section (4) of section 27 of the Tamil Nadu Warehouses Act, 1951 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu [Placed in Library See No LT-125/77]

RAILWAYS RED TARIFF (AMDT) RULES 1977

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF MADHU DANDAVATE) I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Railways Red Tariff (Amendment) Rules 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G.S.R. 405 in Gazette of India dated the 19th March 1977 issued under section 47 of the Indian Railways Act,

1890 [Placed in Library See No LT-126/77]

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER EXPORT (QUALITY CONTROL AND INSPECTION) ACT, 1963 ANNUAL REPORTS AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS ETC

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) I beg to lay on the Table

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 17 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act 1963 —

(i) The Export of Jute Products (Quality Control and Inspection) Amendment Rules 1976 published in Notification No S.O. 4462 in Gazette of India dated the 20th November 1976

(ii) The Export of Dried Fish (Inspection) Amendment Rules 1976 published in Notification No S.O. 4494 in Gazette of India dated the 27th November 1976

(iii) The Export of Steel Tubes and Tubulars (Quality Control and Inspection) Amendment Rules, 1977 published in Notification No S.O. 60 in Gazette of India dated the 1st January, 1977

(iv) The Export of Pipe Fittings (Inspection) Rules 1977 published in Notification No S.O. 62 in Gazette of India dated the 1st January, 1977

(v) The Export of Cashew Kernels (Quality Control and Inspection) Amendment Rules 1976 published in Notification No S.O. 410 in Gazette of India dated the 29th January 1977

(vi) The Export of Canned Crab Meat (Inspection) Rules,

1977 published in Notification No SO 456 in Gazette of India dated the 5th February 1977

(vii) The Export of Carpet (Quality Control and Inspection) Amendment Rules 1977 published in Notification No SO 825 in Gazette of India dated the 10th March, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-127/77]

(2) (i) A copy of the Indian Standards Institution (Certification Marks) Regulations, 1955 (Hindi and English versions) under section 22 of the Indian Standards Institution (Certification Marks) Act, 1952.

(ii) A statement explaining the reasons for laying the papers at item (i) above [Placed in Library See No LT-128/77]

(3) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Standards Institution, New Delhi for the year 1975-76 [Placed in Library See No LT-129/77]

(4) A copy of the Central Silk Board Contributory Provident Fund (Amendment) Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 1529 in Gazette of India dated the 30th October, 1976 under sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Central Silk Board Act, 1948 [Placed in Library See No LT-130/77]

(5) A copy of the Audited Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Central Silk Board for the year 1974-75 under sub-section (4) of section 12 of the Central Silk Board Act, 1948 [Placed in Library See No LT-131/77]

(6) A copy of the Audit Report (Hindi and English versions) on the Accounts of the Rubber Board for the year 1974-75 along with the statement of Accounts [Placed in Library See No LT-123/77]

(7) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) National Cooperative Development Cor-

poration, New Delhi, for the year 1975-76 under sub-section (1) of section 14 of the National Cooperative Development Corporation Act, 1962 [Placed in Library See No LT-133/77]

ANNUAL REPORTS, NOTIFICATIONS ETC

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H M PATEL) 1 beg to lay on the Table —

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 —

(i) Annual Report of the National Insurance Company Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1974 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-134/77]

(ii) Annual Report of the Oriental Fire and General Insurance Company Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1974 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-135/77]

(iii) Annual Report of the New India Assurance Company Limited, Bombay, for the year 1975 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-136/77]

(iv) Annual Report of the General Insurance Corporation of India, Bombay, for the year 1975 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-137/77]

(2) A copy of Notification No GO Ms 1917 (Hindi and English versions) published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated

the 26th January, 1977 issued under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Chit Funds Act, 1961 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu [Placed in Library See No LT-138/77]

(3) A copy of the Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax (Amendment) Act, 1976 (President's Act, No 40 of 1976) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 9th November, 1976, under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976. [Placed in Library See No LT-139/77]

(4) A copy of the Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Goods under the Bangkok Agreement) Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 863(E) in Gazette of India dated the 1st November, 1976, under section 10 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 [Placed in Library See No LT-140/77]

(5) A copy of Notification No GSR 1790, (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 25th December, 1976 making certain amendment to Notification No GSR 952 dated the 21st June, 1976 under section 51 of the Finance (No 2) Act, 1971 [Placed in Library See No LT-141/77]

(6) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 —

(i) SO 4060 published in Gazette of India dated the 6th November, 1976

(ii) SO 4061, published in Gazette of India, dated the 6th November, 1976

(iii) SO 4062, published in Gazette of India, dated the 6th November, 1976

(iv) SO. 4063, published in Gazette of India dated the 6th November, 1976

(v) SO 4064, published in Gazette of India, dated the 6th November, 1976

(vi) SO 4065, published in Gazette of India, dated the 6th November, 1976

(vii) The Income-tax (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No SO 842(E), in Gazette of India dated the 30th December, 1976 [Placed in Library See No LT-142/77]

(viii) The Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules 1977 published in Notification No 21(E) in Gazette of India dated the 18th January 1977

(ix) SO 578 published in Gazette of India dated the 19th February, 1977

(x) SO 579 published in Gazette of India dated the 19th February, 1977.

(xi) SO 583, published in Gazette of India dated the 19th February, 1977

(xii) SO 584 published in Gazette of India, dated the 19th February, 1977.

(xiii) SO 585 published in Gazette of India, dated the 19th February, 1977

(xiv) SO 587 published in Gazette of India dated the 19th February, 1977

(xv) The Income-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1977, published in Notification No SO 210(E), in Gazette of India dated the 5th March, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-143/77]

(7) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 46 of the Wealth-Tax Act, 1957 —

(i) The Wealth-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1976, published in Notification No SO 702(E), in Gazette of India dated the 3rd November 1976

(ii) The Wealth-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules 1976 published in Notification No SO 732(E) in Gazette of India dated the 15th November, 1976

(iii) The Wealth-tax (Amendment) Rules 1977 published in Notification No S.O. 16(E) in Gazette of India dated the 12th January, 1977

(iv) The Wealth-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 1977 published in Notification No SO 165 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 15th February, 1977 [Placed in Library See No. LT-144/77]

(8) A copy of the Interest-tax (Amendment) Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No SO 843(E), in Gazette of India dated the 30th December, 1976 under sub-section (4) of section 27 of the Interest-tax Act, 1974 [Placed in Library See No LT-145/77]

(9) A copy of the Gift-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No SO 722 (E), in Gazette of India dated the 12th November, 1976 under sub-section (4) of section 46 of the Gift-tax Act, 1958 [Placed in Library See No LT-146/77]

(10) A copy of the Companies (Profits) Surtax (Amendment) Rules, 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No SO 167(E) in Gazette of India

dated the 15th February, 1977, under sub-section (3) of section 25 of the Companies (Profits) Surtax Act, 1964 [Placed in Library See No LT-147/77]

(11) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 72 of the Delhi Sales Tax Act, 1975 —

(i) The Delhi Sales-Tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No F4(2)/76-Fin (G), in Delhi Gazette dated the 30th December, 1976

(ii) The Delhi Sales Tax (First Amendment) Rules, 1977 published in Notification No F4(62)/76-Fin (G) (iii) in Delhi Gazette dated the 25th January, 1977

(iii) The Delhi Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 1977 published in Notification No F4 (78)/75-Fin (G) in Delhi Gazette dated the 25th February 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-143/77]

(12) A copy of the Central Sales Tax (Registration and Turnover) (Amendment) Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR. 962(E), in Gazette of India dated the 30th December, 1976, under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 [Placed in Library See No. LT- 149/77]

(13) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 33 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 —

(i) The Central Excise (Twenty-fifth Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No GSR 1608 in Gazette of India dated the 13th November 1976

(ii) The Central Excise (Twenty-sixth Amendment) Rules, 1976,

published in Notification No GSR 920(E) in Gazette of India dated the 15th December, 1976

(iii) The Central Excise (Twenty-seventh Amendment) Rules, 1976, published in Notification No GSR 1792, in Gazette of India dated the 25th December, 1976

(iv) The Central Excise (First Amendment) Rules, 1977, published in Notification No GSR 96 in Gazette of India dated the 15th January 1977

(v) The Central Excise (Second Amendment) Rules, 1977, published in Notification No GSR 152 in Gazette of India dated the 29th January, 1977

(vi) The Central Excise (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1977, published in Notification No GSR 403, in Gazette of India dated the 19th March, 1977

(vii) The Central Excise (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 1977, published in Notification No GSR 128 (E) Gazette of India dated the 25th March, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-150/77]

(14) A copy each of the following Notification (Hindi and English versions) issued under the Central Excise Rules, 1944 —

(i) GSR 1547, published in Gazette of India, dated the 30th October, 1976, together with an explanatory memorandum

(ii) GSR 872(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 10th November, 1976, together with an explanatory memorandum

(iii) GSR 878(E) and 879(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 13th November, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum

(iv) GSR 1607, published in Gazette of India dated the 13th

November, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum

(v) GSR 881(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 16th November, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum

(vi) GSR 891(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd November, 1976, together with an explanatory memorandum

(vii) GSR 905(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 1st December, 1976, together with an explanatory memorandum

(viii) GSR 1719, published in Gazette of India dated the 4th December, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum

(ix) GSR 1762, published in Gazette of India dated the 18th December 1976, together with an explanatory memorandum

(x) GSR 966(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 31st December, 1976, together with an explanatory memorandum

(xi) GSR 42(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 27th January, 1977, together with an explanatory memorandum

(xii) GSR 871(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 9th November, 1976, GSR 862(E), published in Gazette of India, dated the 17th November 1976, GSR 910(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 8th December, 1976, GSR 921(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 15th December, 1976, GSR 1791, published in Gazette of India dated the 25th December, 1976 GSR 32(E), published in Gazette of India, dated the 24th January, 1977, GSR 43(E), published in Gazette of India, dated

the 28th January 1977 G.S.R. 51 (E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st February 1977 and G.S.R. 70(F) published in Gazette of India dated the 8th February 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xiii) G.S.R. 97 published in Gazette of India dated the 15th January 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xiv) G.S.R. 123 published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd January 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xv) G.S.R. 68(E), published in Gazette of India, dated the 8th February, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xvi) G.S.R. 90(E) and 91(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 26th February 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xvii) G.S.R. 281, 282 and 283 published in Gazette of India dated the 26th February 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xviii) G.S.R. 102(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st March 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xix) G.S.R. 109(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 11th March, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(xx) G.S.R. 127(E), published in Gazette of India dated the 25th March 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

[Placed in Library See No LT-151/77]

(15) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962 —

(i) G.S.R. 867(F) published in Gazette of India dated the 5th November, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(ii) G.S.R. 876(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 12th November 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(iii) G.S.R. 893(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd November, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(iv) G.S.R. 894(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 23rd November, 1976, together with an explanatory memorandum.

(v) G.S.R. 897(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 24th November 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(vi) G.S.R. 902(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 27th November, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(vii) G.S.R. 903(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 28th November 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(viii) G.S.R. 1720 published in Gazette of India dated the 4th December, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(ix) G.S.R. 909(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 8th December 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

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(a) Annual Report of the Rural Electrification Corporation New Delhi, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon

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AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF E.S.I.C. FOR 1972-73 1973-74 & 1974-75 REVISED AND BUDGET ESTIMATES OF E.S.I.C. FOR 1976-77 & 1977-78 RESPECTIVELY, A STATEMENT re DELAY IN LAYING PAPERS AND STATEMENTS re. ACTION TAKEN

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA 1 b-g to lay on the Table

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Fourth Lok Sabha

(i) Statement No XLIII—
Tenth Session, 1970

(ii) Statement No XXXI—
Eleventh Session, 1970

(iii) Statement No XXXVIII—
Second Session, 1971

Fifth Lok Sabha

(iv) Statement No XXVI—
Third Session 1971

(v) Statement No XXXIII—
Fourth Session, 1972

(vi) Statement No XXIII—
Eight Session, 1973

(vii) Statement No XXI—
Ninth Session 1973

(viii) Statement No XIX—
Twelfth Session, 1974

(ix) Statement No XXIII—
Thirteenth Session 1975.

(x) Statement No VII—
Fifteenth Session, 1976

(xi) Statement No VI—
Sixteenth Session 1976

(xii) Statement No III—
Seventeenth Session, 1976

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ANNUAL REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT
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(Hindi and English versions) of the
Development Council for Auto-
mobiles, Automobiles Ancillary In-

dustries, Transport Vehicle Indus-
tries, Tractors, Earth-moving
Equipment and Internal Combustion
Engines, for the year 1975-76, un-
der sub-section (4) of section 7
of the Industries (Development and
Regulation) Act, 1951 [Placed in
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(2) A copy each of the following
Notifications (Hindi and English
versions) under sub-section (6) of
section 3 of the Essential Commo-
dities Act, 1955 —

(i) The Copper (Prohibition of
Use in the Manufacture of Elec-
trical Cables and Wires) Amend-
ment Order 1976 published in
Notification No SO 750(E) in
Gazette of India dated the 23rd
November, 1976

(ii) The Copper (Prohibition of
Use in the Manufacture of Elec-
trical Cables and Wires) Amend-
ment Order, 1977 published in
Notification No SO 59(E) in
Gazette of India dated the 31st
January, 1977

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under sub-section (1) of section
619A of the Companies Act, 1956

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ment on the working of the
Hindustan Cables Limited, for the
year 1975-76

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Hindustan Cables Limited for the
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(b) (i) Review by the Govern-
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12.14 hrs.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEES (1976-77)—A REVIEW

SECRETARY-GENERAL I beg to lay on the Table a copy of 'Financial Committees (1976-77)—A Review' (Hindi and English versions)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES—SUMMARY OF WORK

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12.15 hrs.

CALTEX [ACQUISITION OF SHARES OF CALTEX OIL REFINING (INDIA) LIMITED AND OF THE UNDERTAKINGS IN INDIA OF CALTEX (INDIA) LIMITED] BILL— contd

MR. SPEAKER We will now take up Item No 15 for consideration

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arkonam) Sir I welcome this Bill brought by the Minister for Petroleum Shri Bahugunaji. It concerns an area in our economy which is both crucial and strategic. This is the culmination of a process that began quite some time ago. Over the years there has been a demand in this House and also among the public that the three foreign refineries should be nationalised. The two bigger ones of the three refineries have already been

nationalised and now the proposal is to take over the management and ownership of the Caltex Refinery

12.16 hrs.

[KUMARI ABHA MAITI in the Chair].

Now these refineries were established in the early 1950s and there was an agreement that these refineries should not be nationalised before the expiry of 25 years. Now, it is because of that that an agreement had to be entered into for the take-over of the three foreign refineries. What the previous Government has done is being continued and, in this connection, I would like to say that when these foreign people were invited to establish refineries in India, the country had absolutely no oil technology and so we invited them to come here and set up their refineries. But now we have developed our technology, we have increased production and we have increased our refining capacity—which is more than even the consumption requirements of the people today.

This is not a small achievement. It is not a small achievement, in a period of 25 years, to be in a position to say good-bye to the foreign refinery owners and to have acquired the position where our technologists are in a position to go to other countries and establish refineries and offer technological assistance. It has to be admitted that this is not a mean achievement. When I say that this is the achievement of the Congress Party, I do not deny the part that the Prime Minister has played in our Party. It is unfortunate that the Finance Minister should have disowned everything that had been done before and denied the economic advantages that have accrued to him at the time of his taking over. He might have done it out of pique or pettiness, but from the national point of view, it was short sighted. I would like to cite an opinion from a reputed magazine. The Economist of London; it is neither for the Congress Party

nor against the Janata Party This is what it has to say on the inheritance of the Janata Government in the economic field—this issue is dated March 26 1977

For all its inbuilt political conflicts the Janata Party has far fewer economic constraints to worry about than previous governments The foodgrain buffer stock stands at 18 m tonnes and foreign exchange reserves at more than three billion dollars Thus the two biggest hurdles to development have been overcome Shortages of raw materials transport and power have also largely disappeared Exports are rising by 30 per cent and industrial growth by 10 per cent this year It is a good inheritance If properly managed it could be the basis for a successful assault on poverty and unemployment

This is what a neutral magazine has said about the inheritance of the present Government, as to what the previous Government has achieved

The story of Bombay High is a miracle story and I wish that the present Minister who is known for his dynamism, pushes forward the progress that has already been achieved and tries to produce more and more of crude both on and off shore because we are in a very tight position with regard to supply of crude The import bill of crude which was less than Rs. 200 crores some years ago owing to the rise in prices of crude in these years has gone up to about Rs. 1200 crores. So we have to hasten exploration of oil the search for oil both on and off shore and see that this deficiency is made up as quickly as possible I hope under the present Minister we will achieve self sufficiency in crude production, so that we need not depend on others It is a large out go of foreign exchange—to the tune of Rs 1,200 crores—which this country cannot afford

Because of the five-fold increase in crude prices the prices of petroleum products here in this country have gone up Several Committees have gone into this question I would appeal to the hon Minister to see whether the prices of these petroleum products like kerosene petrol diesel and also cooking gas can be brought down by any means I know the difficulty This is because the prices of crude are going up and are threatening to go up further Under these circumstances, it will be a tall order to ask the Minister to reduce the prices to any considerable extent but still I would request him to pay his attention to this aspect and see if it would be possible for him to reduce the prices especially of kerosene which is used by the poor people of this country

We have a programme for expansion of refining capacity We have undertaken to establish a second refinery in Assam at Bongaigaon we are going to almost double the capacity of the Koyali refinery and we propose to establish a new refinery at Mathura As far as the expansion at Koyali is concerned and the second refinery in Assam is concerned I have nothing to say but I would like the Minister to consider my suggestion that it will be more profitable to have refineries on our coasts than inland In fact the crude that is proposed to be taken to Mathura would be landed at some place in Saurashtra and would be taken through the pipeline I would like the Minister to examine my suggestion whether it will be more economical and useful from various points of view to have coastal refineries instead of inland refineries In that connection I would like to plead that since you are taking over Caltex Refinery in Visakhapatnam on the east coast expansion of that may be considered You have to plan more and more refineries in the country to meet the growing demand Now the demand has been artificially contained because of the high prices of crude and

‘Shri O V Alagesan)

petroleum products I think last year the rise in demand is about less than 2 per cent. If you allow consumption on if proper price levels are maintained, prices are reduced the consumption would go up by not less than 5 per cent every year. You have to plan for more refineries and there I would appeal to you to plan refineries on the coasts. Shri Biju Patnaik who is sitting by the side of Shri Bahuguna is a very dynamic person and he brought into existence the Port of Paradweep. But for his perseverance and dogged action that Port would not have been brought into existence. I would suggest a new refinery in that place and another refinery in Tuticorin which is fast developing into an important industrial centre. You will certainly expand the existing coastal refineries in Madras and Cochin and if you think of the refineries on the West Coast barring the two refineries in Bombay which have already been taken over you may think of Goa as a very suitable location. It is necessary that the refining capacity should be increased and that way we should have the necessary crude for feeding these indigenous refineries. That will help us to reduce the import bill not only that it will reduce our dependence on other countries which may vary their policy in times of crisis. It is absolutely necessary that we go in for more energetic and more intensive exploration of oil. Several regions like off shore Cauvery Orissa Off shore region and Off-shore Kutch region have been leased out to foreign companies. For the present the hon. Minister is engaged more in politicking. If he diverts part of his attention to these things he will achieve miracles.

So I would once again appeal to the Minister to look into these matters. I know he has just taken over but during the next session of Parliament I hope he will come with a

policy and action that he proposes to pursue.

I welcome this Bill and give my support to it.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA (Serampore) I could not welcome this Bill fully. It is a backlog imposed by the previous government on the present government. Why don't you call it a negotiated purchase? It is neither nationalisation nor take-over. You will be astonished to know how long the negotiations continued. I have heard Mr Malaviya spoke here on so many occasions and everytime coming and saying 'We are taking active measures to take over all the oil companies including the Caltex, both refining and marketing. After all it is good that as soon as this new government took up the responsibility it has come forward with the Bill and Mr Bahuguna able no doubt he is has brought it in this session. But I will request him to at least look into this Bill and its full implication.

Why have you decided to pay compensation to a company which has looted our country so long and so much? You are paying Rs. 13 crores as compensation.

AN HON MEMBER More than that.

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA then you are also taking up the responsibility of paying their taxes. Why? My question to the Minister is Why? Why cannot you take it over and tell these people 'You have taken enough money. What was your total investment and how much money you have repatriated to your own country by way of exploitation which was allowed by the previous government during its last 30 years rule?' I do not know on what basis the compensation was assessed. Mr Malaviya took so many years to calculate and find out as to what are the assets of these companies. How do you arrive at

this figure? Why do you take up the responsibility of paying the taxes due by these companies to the government including income-tax and wealth tax? Why? That is my question to the Minister to at least satisfy not this House alone but the whole country also

The whole country looks to you that you will at least initiate a new policy in this matter. We want to be self-reliant so far as the petroleum products are concerned. My friend Mr Alagesan was telling as to why the prices of petroleum products have gone up. Don't you know the actual price of crude and the refining costs? And what are the taxes you are levying? I know because I have some connection with some automobile industries. I know the condition of the automobile factories. Why are our cars not being sold in the market? It is because of the increase in the petrol prices. And then our poor villagers are suffering for the abnormal increase in kerosene prices. Madam Chairman, you come from West Bengal. Do you know the actual production cost of one litre of petrol? If you calculate it will be Rs 1.20. But what is the price in the market? It is Rs 1.40 in cities.

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK)
That is the posted price

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA
What is the amount of taxes you are levying? If you reduce the taxes automatically, the price will come down. I would request the Government to at least look into this matter.

The Members on the Opposite side are laughing. They wanted to reap the harvest. Now, Mr Barua comes and laughs at it and says please reduce the cost. When we were previously asking him in this regard everytime the then Government came up with a statement that they could not do that. I have been in the Lok

Sabha since 1962. Mr Chavan is also sitting by his side. He was the Finance Minister at one time. He also took the steps to impose abnormal rate of excise duty.

My second question is regarding the employees. I know thousands of employees in Caltex were retrenched when the computerisation was introduced by this foreign company. In Calcutta itself from their Head Office hundreds of employees—clerks and others—were retrenched and they have not been provided with any alternative job. Many of these employees are still without a job. They are not getting any alternative job anywhere. Their cases may kindly be considered sympathetically. It will be better if you can provide them with job in these taken over companies.

I have already mentioned about the higher rate of profits earned by Caltex. In the past they had already repatriated crores of rupees. Still they will be a hang over on you on this new Government. After all the total amount may be taken into consideration. What are their total assets? I do not get any hint either from your Financial Memorandum nor from the Statement of Objects and Reasons. I know that this is the fault of the previous Congress Government who "have been boasting about ushering in a big socialist State. I say the calculations for knowing the assets of the company could not be made for the last so many years. The whole matter is most surprising.

Shri Alagesan has mentioned that for crude we have to depend on the foreign suppliers. I wonder why? Why did their Government (Censors) take up measures promptly so far as off-shore drilling and other exploration works are concerned? So far as West Bengal is concerned you abandoned the idea of off-shore exploration. Some experiments were made over there spending lakhs of rupees.

(Shri Dinen Bhattacharya)

I do not know the result. We have not been informed about that so far.

I would appeal to you to kindly look to this matter at the earliest so that we may be relieved of the exploitation by this foreign big oil monopolist even for on-shore and off-shore exploitation.

I know that if you make a serious attempt you will succeed. You will get all cooperation not only from us, but from the people of the whole country. Lastly I request you to look into the tax structure of the petroleum products and the kerosene products so that the people could get these things at cheaper rates.

PROF. R. K. AMIN (Surendra nagar) : I have moved an amendment to omit the words 'free of income-tax'. Was this Bill prepared by the previous Government, before this Government came into power? Has this been kept without any change by the present Minister? How is it that this clause has been allowed? Is it by some contrivance? I say this because civil servants in their negotiation include such things though it may not be the policy of the Government. When you say 8 per cent income-tax free, the effective rate becomes 13 per cent. Is there any loan raised by Government of India in regard to which interest is paid at 13 per cent? If not, then this is inconsistent with the Government policy. So, this should be examined and enquired into as to who did this?

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allow us to develop our own national economy. Petroleum. Petroleum industry occupies a very strategic position in the national economy of our country. It is related to the developmental projects of our country. It is also vitally related to the defence of the country. Self reliance in the petroleum industry can hardly be over emphasised. That being the case the previous Government during the long period of thirty years have not really paid proper attention for the attainment of self reliance in this respect. The foreign companies were allowed to repatriate huge sums of money from this country by way of loot and plunder of our national economy. It was in the fitness of things that the present Government should reverse that process.

As far as the attitude of the previous Government goes, they were to woo the foreign private companies' investment in this country. They widely opened the floodgates for the multinationals in this country. Their policy was not to restrict the foreign investment in the country. The policy of the previous Government was also not to attain self reliance in this country. (Interruptions) Sir, it is amazing to note that the present Government is also following in the footsteps of the predecessor Government. I know that it is a fait accompli for the hon. Minister. Negotiations were not conducted by Shri Bahuguna. And the agreement was also not finalised by him. The agreement was entered into by the previous Government and he is just following it up.

Madam Chairman, while making this comment I also want to know from the hon. Minister whether he is examining the economics of the Caltex to know what was the actual investment of the Caltex in India and what was the total amount repatriated by them during these years. So far as the economics of the foreign company as well as its performance is concerned, it would be evident from

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Therefore, even at this stage, I ask the Government of India to reconsider this proposal. In this connection, I would only refer to Dr Tanzar, a well-known petroleum expert as to what he says namely that India should not malign all foreign oil refineries and pay no compensation. He further says that considering the enormous profits they have made these companies deserve no compensation. May I draw the attention of Shri Bahuguna to the example set by the Chilean Government with regard to the International Copper Company? It is in the fitness of things that the Janta Party should also follow the example set by the Chilean Government in the matter of nationalisation of the International Copper Company in Chile. It was the expectation of the people the desire and expectation of the country as also this House. And during the past few years we had always collaborated and surrendered ourselves to the interests of the foreign investment in our country. Is it not the time for you to rise up and say that India belongs to the people of India and we want to build

a national self-reliant economy and India will not remain an arena of exploitation by the oil cartels.

Madam Chairman in Clause 11 the Government proposes to reserve the right of altering the condition of work and service of the present employees. It might be necessary to bring about further changes but that should not be to worsen the condition but for betterment of the life of workers already employed there. May I seek an assurance from the hon. Minister that if alterations are necessary they will not be to the disadvantage of the workers who are already working under Caltex India Ltd.? May I also have another assurance to the effect that the government will improve upon the condition of the workers there?

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore) Madam Chairman I welcome the Bill to take over this foreign concern particularly in the petroleum industry which is extremely important for our national economy. At the same time I have my reservations and I would like to say that the amount of compensation that is being paid is very high as here is a foreign company which has derived tremendous profits by exploiting our country. Earlier also I have maintained that the compensation amounts that are being doled out to the foreign companies in this country should certainly not reach phenomenal proportions.

I am quite aware that the Minister himself does agree with me on this point. All I would like to request him is that when Parliament thought fit to amend the Constitution and give further rights to Parliament in the matter of compensation to foreign companies please take that out of the cold storage and see that you make full use of it. In this connection may I also point out that in the process you may not throw the baby out with the bath water. Keep what is good. There were good legislations in the past 30 years and there have been

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the fact that their repatriation has been already of a big order. I have got with me the figures in my possession to show that in the year 1963, these three foreign oil companies had repatriated a sum of Rs 100 crores annually. That being the case the general pattern of the foreign oil company, Caltex cannot be an exception.

So far as Burmah Shell is concerned I have got my figures to show that they have made an investment of Rs 67 crores. They have repatriated about Rs 30 crores. This is the general pattern of exploitation or loot of the foreign oil companies that are operating in India. Therefore I strongly disapprove of the idea of paying such a huge amount of money of about Rs 14 crores by way of purchasing their assets. It would only mean the negation of the national policy. It is not justified.

Therefore even at this stage I ask the Government of India to reconsider this proposal. In this connection, I would only refer to Dr Tanzar, a well-known petroleum expert as to what he says namely that India should not malign all foreign oil refineries and pay no compensation. He further says that considering the enormous profits they have made these companies deserve no compensation. May I draw the attention of Shri Bahuguna to the example set by the Chilean Government with regard to the International Copper Company? It is in the fitness of things that the Janta Party should also follow the example set by the Chilean Government in the matter of nationalisation of the International Copper Company in Chile. It was the expectation of the people the desire and expectation of the country as also this House. And during the past few years we had always collaborated and surrendered ourselves to the interests of the foreign investment in our country. Is it not the time for you to rise up and say that India belongs to the people of India and we want to build

a national self-reliant economy and India will not remain an arena of exploitation by the oil cartels.

Madam Chairman, in Clause 11 the Government proposes to reserve the right of altering the condition of work and service of the present employees. It might be necessary to bring about further changes but that should not be to worsen the condition but for betterment of the life of workers already employed there. May I seek an assurance from the hon Minister that if alterations are necessary they will not be to the disadvantage of the workers who are already working under Caltex India Ltd? May I also have another assurance to the effect that the government will improve upon the condition of the workers there?

SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN (Coimbatore). Madam Chairman, I welcome the Bill to take over this foreign concern particularly in the petroleum industry which is extremely important for our national economy. At the same time I have my reservations and I would like to say that the amount of compensation that is being paid is very high as here is a foreign company which has derived tremendous profits by exploiting our country. Earlier also I have maintained that the compensation amounts that are being doled out to the foreign companies in this country should certainly not reach phenomenal proportions.

I am quite aware that the Minister himself does agree with me on this point. All I would like to request him is that when Parliament thought fit to amend the Constitution and give further rights to Parliament in the matter of compensation to foreign companies please take that out of the cold storage and see that you make full use of it. In this connection may I also point out that in the process you may not throw the baby out with the bath water. Keep what is good. There were good legislations in the past 30 years and there have been

[Shri Vinodbhai B Sheth]

The House is ignorant about that I would request the Minister to tell the House how this figure of 13 crores has been arrived at

There is another clause which relates to take over by the Government the premises of the employees of the Caltex company. This clause is legally unenforceable, morally unjustifiable and socially callous. We cannot take over the premises of the employees who come from the middle class families. The Government has no right to interfere with the contractual agreement between the company and the employees. The employees have not purchased these flats from the company. They have purchased it from the landlords. The company have not even given loans to the employees. They have taken loan from outside and paid interest on that. Some have purchased these premises in the name of their wives. In case of divorce, there will be difficulty for the Government in allotting the premises. Therefore I would request the hon. Minister that this section 72 should be omitted or deleted from the statute. I think all the cases should be looked into. There should not be any discrimination among the employees of three companies ESSO, Burmah Shell and Caltex, and they should be given justice.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Chirayinkul) Madam, Chairman I welcome this Bill. This is the baby of the old Government which Mr Bahuguna is carrying. I do not want to discuss the policy but I am sorry the ruling party members still have anti-Congress feelings in their minds. I wish to tell my friends on the treasury benches that the Congress Government never ignored the petroleum industry. Everyone knows that the previous Government had a definite policy on petroleum. When the US experts came in 50s and gave their opinion that oil could not be found here, the

then Government of India refused to accept their advice and they went back. I agree that Soviet experts did find oil in Assam.

In 1961 the production of indigenous crude was 0.45 million tonnes, it has gone up to 6.8 million tonnes in 1971-72 and to 7.5 million tonnes in 1974-75. Mr Chitti Babu will understand this.

AN HON MEMBER What about imports?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI We imported 7 million tonnes in 1974-75. But the share of these two foreign companies—Caltex and Burmah Shell—had been reduced considerably. Against their import of 2.9 and 1.1 million tonnes it has considerably gone down in 1974-75 to 1.2 and 0.48 million tonnes. So the Government was able to reduce the import of crude oil by these foreign companies in 1974-75. It is true that we have to depend upon foreign crude because our indigenous production is not enough, and we have to spend Rs. 1200 crores in foreign exchange.

If you look at the statistics you will find that in 1971-72 it was only Rs. 192 crores in foreign exchange. It was in 1971-72 that the previous government came to parliament. In 1974-75 it is Rs. 1200 crores. If the OPEC countries in Geneva have done something why do you blame the previous government for it? As a result of this attack on the economy, not only India but all the developing countries had to suffer. I am not defending the OPEC countries decision. I am sorry for the decision of the OPEC to help capitalist countries. That decision did not help the developing countries in Asia and Latin America. The money earned by the OPEC was put in American banks. Unfortunately it was their decision.

Therefore don't abuse the previous government saying that it had no policy. It had a policy. We have found oil in Bombay High. I hope Mr Bahuguna will continue the process. I am sure he has no all-communist mania.

Now about the employment and distribution policies. Some refineries are producing crude and petroleum products and selling them to the IOC. The IOC employees are getting all the benefits like bonus while the producing units are not getting any benefit at all. For example I will cite the case of the Cochin refinery to the Minister. That refinery does not have a distribution agency. The agency is the IOC. The issue of paying bonus arose. The Cochin refinery employees could not get a single paisa as bonus in 1974-75, because they were told that losses were being incurred. Meanwhile the distribution agency employees, viz those of the IOC got a bonus of 20 per cent because of the pricing policy. The hon Minister should look into the pricing and distribution policies.

We have petrol bunks under the name of Hindusthan and Bharat. But the distribution is made only from the production of the Cochin refinery. The names are different. The companies have gone. Why can't we have a single distribution agency? Let all the petrol bunks be put up by the IOC. Let the refineries exist as producing units and let there be another distribution agency. It will help us better. The Cochin refinery makes the supply to all the petrol bunks in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The refinery workers will then be benefited. In this connection I would urge upon the Minister not to fall into the trap of some of the notes put up. When an idea was mooted to increase the capacity of the Cochin refinery a proposal was made for the super tanker to come to the Cochin port. When this idea was mooted by the Petroleum Ministry, it was said that they

can have a pipeline from Bombay to Cochin. This was a funny idea. It sabotaged the whole programme of the government. I hope the Minister will be careful about this funny idea.

I am pointing out this because the people of Kerala are sore that the super-tanker berth has been denied to the Cochin Refinery. The capacity of the Cochin Refinery has already increased and it can refine more crude. I think the total capacity of the State sector refineries is 20.1 million tonnes. It can be increased if the Cochin Refinery can be expanded and that can be done if you help to establish a super-tanker berth at Cochin. If you allow a super tanker berth to come up in Cochin the entire south will be supplied by the Cochin Refinery.

The employees should be completely protected. Government have taken a wise decision to cut down the salaries of the high-paid officials from Rs 10,000 to Rs 5,000. It is a very good decision. You must fix a ceiling on the salaries of high-paid employees of the refineries. Be it the Managing Director or anybody. There should be a uniform policy regarding the salary for the managerial and other cadres and the disparity should be reduced between the ordinary worker and the highest paid employee.

I agree with the view expressed here regarding compensation. Even though I belong to the previous Government I am not able to appreciate the agreement under which the Government decided to pay a high compensation and write-off tax arrears. I do not know whether this Government can do anything about it. Perhaps, they have to honour the commitments of the previous Government. Otherwise Government will lose their credibility. I am very sorry that the previous government agreed to such a high compensation and I want to express my regret for it.

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Shri Ram Gopal Reddy made a suggestion that we can pay the compensation in one lump sum rather than in five instalments. Since our foreign exchange reserve position is very good we can pay it in a lump sum and thus save the interest payment.

While wishing the hon. Minister every success in this Ministry which is a very complicated one on account of the foreign exchange involved, I wish to say that the hon. Minister has to look to the interests of all the regions of the country. For instance, Shri Alagesan referred to the Madras Refinery and I have referred to the Cochin Refinery.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have also referred to the Cochin Refinery.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: The hon. Minister comes from UP and the Mathura Refinery is still in difficulties. I hope that along with the Mathura Refinery the Madras and Cochin Refineries will also flourish. I hope he will give equal importance to all the three refineries.

I congratulate the hon. Minister and support the Bill.

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: Madam Chairman, I am beholden to the hon. Members who have given their very valuable suggestions while discussing this Bill on the floor of this House. My hon. friend Shri Alagesan, with his vast experience of the actual working of this Ministry, has given many suggestions.

I can assure him that the location of refineries has got to be interconnected with the availability of crude and the prospecting of crude which is going on both in the Bay of Bengal as well as in the Kutch area. We are not at the journey's end so as to indicate where we propose to put up our new refineries. Obviously they will have to be put up at particular points where crude can be made available. It has been suggested that

it should be put up only at the coast. But the whole complexion of the country is such that regional imbalance and many other considerations have to be taken into account.

The consumption point has also to be kept in view. Whether we carry crude or petroleum products is a question ultimately of economics and we have to see what is more economic in the overall interests. I can assure you that no other consideration will weigh with this Government, with me, except the wellbeing of the people of this country providing them with the cheapest possible fuel or energy and the location will therefore be decided on that basis.

Another point has been raised by almost every speaker about compensation. It is not really compensation. The word compensation has its own meaning and therefore I do not want to use it. I am merely saying that an amount in consideration of the take over is being paid. As you know this is an international foreign company and for good reasons or for reasons best known to the predecessor Government and their negotiating team, all this has been agreed upon by the Government of India.

I am not one who would say that there has been no petroleum policy. If I may say so, if there is anything which can be said to the utmost credit of the last 20 years of Congress rule in India, it is this particular field where India has gone ahead at a speed and in a manner which I would say remains a matter of pride for this or any developing nation.

It is another point that mistakes might have been committed here and there. Shrimati Parvathi Krishnam was quite right. One should never throw out the baby with the bathwater. The bathwater is there. I am only trying to isolate the baby from the bathwater. There have been mistakes here and there which have got to be

taken care of, avoided, but fundamentally in the sector of petroleum and petroleum products it has been to a large extent a policy of self-reliance and public or State ownership of the means of production

It was asked how we arrived at this Rs. 13 crores I do not want unnecessarily to present the case as a defence counsel would do—I am not saying everything that I should be expected to say—but the written down value of the assets of Caltex and all those undertakings which are taken over in their books of accounts would be reasonably such as to make us accept this amount as a fair price for the take-over

My eminent and hon friend who is a leading advocate has raised the question about income-tax and the reason for exempting them from payment of income-tax He has asked what would happen to penalties to be imposed on Caltex, if any for the past years or the current year So far as the liability of Caltex on many accounts whether it be income-tax or other taxes or duties which are in dispute, is concerned, we have to see that we do not give away the entire amount all at once So we are keeping some amount behind so that over three or four years when their liabilities vis-a-vis the Government with regard to income-tax and other matters are cleared up we have an amount from which we can make the deductions necessary

That is why we are doing it in instalments and it would not be possible if we are really to give the entire sum to them I quite agree with the calculations of my hon friend with regard to Vinod Seth His calculations are not wrong by and large, they are just a little here and there but they are near the point so much approximating to the actual amount. But the point is that so far as capital gains tax is concerned it is to be done in rupee basis We have

helped them with money and they gave back that money to the Government It is true that they take away Rs 13 crores, it is not Rs 13—429 crores Then there would be about Rs 871 crores Obviously it is not intended to reduce the take over price, or the take over cost or money in consideration of take over The net is 13 that is you see somewhere or other if the hon Members should like to say I do not want to make it part of the records of the House because we have got still an oil company and I do not want to get involved with them on the pattern this particular pattern I will have to keep in my mind the various views expressed here But, right now if we are to put and present the case in support of all that this Bill contains perhaps it may not be in the national interest Therefore I want to tell the Members here and assure them that we do not want to give any amount more than necessary and I wish we could withhold this But the thing has gone to a length where the country's commitment has gone rather far or is irrevocable unless we are to come down upon a policy of expropriation or a policy declaring that we shall not pay anybody anything

Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan is quite right in pointing out about 31D regarding the Constitution Amendment Bill which this House had the privilege to pass in the 5th Lok Sabha with regard to compensation As far as 31D is concerned it is quite right But the point is that unfortunately the predecessor Government never used it for a day never used it for a moment I assure here that we do propose to take it out of the cold storage and make use of it as much as possible and as far as possible Unfortunately, we cannot deal with either thing one way or the other

My hon friend was talking about the question of Soviet investment I do not know much about that So far as Soviets are concerned, the basic

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help has been in the public sector. We have already taken the public sector with us. There is no question of taking over Russian interests except where they are in private companies or I do not know how far they are. The point is that socialist bloc came in this country and helped in the basic field in the public sector. Others came in various other fields. I am not going into controversy. But we take over on the same ground or whosoever runs that particular industry irrespective of colour.

A point has been raised about the employees and there are two parts of it. As far as this particular clause about changing the terms and conditions of the employment to which some of my hon. friends felt disturbed is concerned I can assure them that there is no intention on the part of the Government to change any of the terms and conditions of the employment of workmen. Instead I give full assurance for the workmen that we do not want to change them but not for those people who are in that category who are not workmen who are supervisory staff and other covenanted officers and those who have perks and salary which are not in tune with our total wage policy. Rs 8000 including perks or excluding perks is not a salary which I can give to anyone. Either that man has got to come down to our terms within our wage structure or I cannot create a special field for this type of people. There is no question of hurting or harming any other set of employees.

So far as the employees who were retrenched by the Caltex earlier are concerned if any of them is of any use to us in our new refineries or in our new organisation, certainly he will be considered and I will be there to consider them. But in these refineries or in these particular place where there is no possibility of having computerised work there is no possibility of bringing them back in those very

places. I am sorry I have to say, with regret no on that score.

There has been a lot of talk about pricing policy. We are not talking now on this. But with a goodwill on all sides and a good wish on all sides for reducing the prices something can be done. But how do we go about? I welcome the suggestion made by Mrs. Parvathi Krishnan of asking the trade unions how to go about it. I am requesting her right now through you, Madam, that she may kindly make a working paper for a reduction of oil prices or petrol prices or for that matter any price and I am willing to sit with them to work on that economics. The trade unions do know more than what many of us do. I have knowledge of them because I myself have been one of them.

My point is that someone has to make a start and do something about it. I am quite willing to go into the whole question along with them if they can tell me how to go about that matter. There are certain things which are inevitable in the context of rising oil prices all the world over. That has to be kept in mind and I am sure we cannot give unnecessary hope to the people that something is going to happen when we know that the journey has not come to an end in the matter of self sufficiency in petroleum or its derivatives.

Something was said about the rate of interest, why 8 per cent. Again I say it is part of the bargain. That is not something which unilaterally the Government has done. There has been a bargain struck between the Government and the Caltex. Every thing is a byproduct of that bargain. Some people will say, Why not the Janata Party Government overthrow that bargain and have a new one? These are not the things which are done by a great nation of ours. The continuity of Government and the continuity of the commitment or for that matter the credibility of the

Government is a matter of great importance and we should do nothing which may in the international world create a scare against the Indian economic system or against the various sort of things that are connected with our economy.

Now though I very much dislike it there are many multi nationals in this country. They are already here. They are in the field of drugs they are in many other fields and in very strategic fields. Yet I cannot do much about it in 7 or 10 days. After all if somebody has crept in here for the last 50 years or 40 years or 30 years or 20 years one will have to think what to do about it at least for many months. We cannot with one shot say 'Look, you take Re 1/- and go back home. The Constitution says that Under the Constitution I will be entitled to take away any industry for Re 1/-'. No court can challenge that in view of the Constitution Amendment. But that will create a situation in which perhaps our society as constituted today is not willing to go nor we are ready for that absolutely new type of thing which involves many considerations.

I cannot create socialism in the Petroleum Ministry. Obviously that is not a byproduct of petroleum. If it were so I would have done it. Socialism is not a derivative of petroleum. But I can assure the hon. Members one thing. Everybody knows my views. I am a socialist. I do believe in socialism. I do believe in public ownership of the means of production. We should have more and more of it. But I do also believe that we have a democratic way of life. We have to proceed in a particular manner. We have to do many things. But democracy is equally important. Therefore we have got to see that we don't do things in haste.

One thing more that as was said was about cowdung. I would appeal to the whole nation to save cowdung. We don't want it to be wasted. Apart from other uses the farm and field needs it is a basic inorganic fertilizer.

In fact cowdung is more precious to me than many other things. But today we are wasting a lot of it. We have to develop a cowdung technology which involves the gas system of cooking for the rural areas. It is not the housewives in the towns and cities who really matter in this connection. I don't say that they don't matter, they do matter in the economy of the country but the vast number of mothers and sisters of the rural areas are dealing with cooking more than anyone else is doing and it is they who have to be told how to save it. Therefore the technology of using cowdung gas for producing food and yet saving cowdung for the farms as inorganic manure has to be pursued more and more for which we need the assistance of the Hon. Members as well as a deliberate policy on the part of the government to pursue that line and to assist and help those putting up this type of plants.

Now Mr. Alagesan was quite right when he said that when the refinery was put up there was an agreement made in 1950 that for twenty-five years there shall be no takeover. This in fact is therefore a continuation of the terms of the agreement made at the time of the factory or refinery or particular organisation being brought into this country. But I can assure you that it is not a bad bargain. In spite of the fact that one can say that there could be still less payment to say that they have taken away hundreds of crores of rupees, is also not physically correct. But I don't want to enlarge on this as I have to deal with one more company in this particular field and many more in the field of drugs and fertilizer. But I would say that what has been done has been done in good faith and I smell no rat in it. In fact the whole thing was processed under an Ordinance and that Ordinance was public property.

Now regarding the employees some Hon. Members raised a point about some premises. Some flats in

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Bombay—about 29 or 30 of them—and some perhaps in Delhi were rented by Caltex and Caltex then gave them over to the officers as perquisites. When we announced our policy in 1974 (we means the Government of India—and it is a continuing thing whoever may be there) they passed over these flats to the senior employees who purchased them out of their hard-earned money, and a number of them—twelve to my knowledge—are occupying these flats even today as owners, and Caltex was to surrender the lease. I may say that the whole thing was processed even before I became the Minister of petroleum. As the Prime Minister said the other day we have been here only a few days and the whole trouble is that it has to pass through so many stages by reason of the requirements of law. So, even before I became the Minister the Bill had been processed at all levels and I signed it later on as my baby. I accept it, I don't say that there is anything wrong about the whole thing. But as for 7(2) there is really an element of mischief in it. When the discussion comes up on that particular thing at that point I will make my observations, but I can assure you at this juncture about one thing—that it is not our intention to throw out those who have purchased these houses from the flats. We are very sorry that Caltex should have done such a thing and put these people in a quandary.

Suppose those officers do not want to come. Where do I put my new officers? In which premises? I have no house. I have to provide a house. Therefore I am between the Devil and the Deep Sea. Nevertheless we shall try to find some method by which we can reduce the mischief in this. The mischief is we were taking over the rights of the employees without providing for any payment

thereon. It is true, Constitutionally and legally there is the difficulty; I admit that. Suppose we say that we pay them some money in consideration of this particular thing contained in Cl 7(2) or so. But I can assure you that by and large, the policy would be not to disturb them, even if we are put to some inconvenience. If the law is needed to be changed to that extent I have to go back to my colleagues, I cannot do it unilaterally. The thing came up only a day before, some people came to me only a day before. In the night at about 9.00 pm I did not really have the time I have to consult my colleagues. It has to go to the Cabinet. Therefore, right now, I would plead patience with the friends who have any difficulty in this and I can assure them that so long as I am at the helm of affairs I make this commitment that I do not propose to disturb these people who have purchased these flats and whose ownership has already been established before the introduction of this Bill. If something is done today or yesterday, I am not going to bother. The mischief in the law is there. But that will be attracted only if I were to interfere with the rights of that particular person, and I say that we do not propose to interfere with those rights, we do not want to trouble anybody. It is not our business to do that. I am sorry Caltex had played ducks and drakes with us. It was not a correct thing for a company of the standing of Caltex to put us against our own Indian brethren and make this Government face them—Caltex taking all the praise saying 'we gave you this'. We know that this has happened. The company was going. They knew that they did not have to surrender any right. They had no business to surrender any right. On that very point I have to talk to Caltex since they have done it. They have also to tell me how they propose to do and what they propose to do in the matter. I only hope that they are no more doing that. What-

ever has happened has happened It is only 12 quarters But if you go on extending this favour surreptitiously it is not a correct thing to do it is not a correct behaviour

In the end I would say that I am again grateful to my friends who have suggested many thing beyond the scope of this Bill, with regard to larger policy frame of petroleum crude its production and so on I would only say that I need the goodwill of the whole House and the people. Government will have to have the luck to find more oil In respect of oil, it is luck and pluck both Millions and billions of rupees have been spent round many countries but they have not been able to strike a single well Therefore I am only praying hoping and expecting that we will strike more oil I am more than sure that India's destiny is linked up with energy and energy we shall have

DR HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) The hon Minister has said that he would try to find more oil. Will he give an assurance—or at least say that he will look into it—that the remaining places where prospecting was proposed to be taken up will be taken up I have particularly in view my constituency, off the coast of my constituency Ernakulam in Kerala where some surveys have already been undertaken. Throughout Kerala, people are waiting for some such encouragement. I hope, under the Minister's dynamic leadership, the areas in Kerala will be taken up

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA We are at the moment on Caltex I cannot make a random speech I can assure him that, wherever oil is available off-shore or on-shore it will be our endeavour to bring that oil up

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI Regarding Caltex take-over about employees will the Minister announce that there will be labour participation in the management?

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA The policy in this respect has not been changed by this Government, but I would say that to the question of participation of labour in management we have to give a careful thought and at the appropriate time we would come to that But as I said, the basic policy of the Government in this regard has not been changed by us

SHRI M S SANJEEVI RAO (Kakinada) As you know the foreign companies who had taken lease on the East Coast are not going ahead at all What action is being taken?

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA They had tried one well, but found it barren and they are not doing their job But right now it does not arise in relation to this Bill

SHRI ANNASABH GOVINDHINDE (Sangli) The hon Minister has said that he would protect the transactions which the Caltex had entered into in respect of some premises We would like to know whether that protection would be afforded to the transactions entered into before the introduction of this Bill or before the appointed day

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA I have already said that those that have come within the purview of this Bill are supposed to be between 1974 to 1978 That is the period governed by Section 7(2) Whatever is covered by that I am talking of that only

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill to provide in the public interest for the acquisition of the shares of Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and for the acquisition and transfer of the right, title and interest of Caltex (India) Limited in relation to its undertakings in India and thereby to secure that the ownership and control of the petroleum products pro-

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duced by the Caltex Oil Refining (India) Limited and marketed and distributed by the said undertakings in India are so distributed as best to subserve the common good be taken into consideration"

The motion was adopted.

MR CHAIRMAN Now we will take up clause by clause consideration of the Bill. There are no amendments to clauses 2 to 6. The question is

"That clauses 2 to 6 stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 6 were added to the Bill.

Clause 7— [Special provisions as to certain rights and interests held by Caltex (India) before the appointed day]

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI (Bombay North West) I beg to move

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after line 5 insert—

"Provided further that nothing in this sub-section shall apply to any transaction involving the delivery of possession actual or constructive of residential premises by Caltex (India) before the appointed day either upon transfer, surrender or relinquishment or otherwise of a right or interest therein in favour of the owner or a person who is or was an employee of Caltex (India) or a spouse or child of such an employee or the Joint Hindu Family of which such employee was a member" (1)

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SHRI VIJAYBHAI B SHETTY I beg to move

— clauses 4 and 5—

omit clauses 34 to 46 and 1 and 2 respectively (1)

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for (3) substitute (2) (12)

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omit or sub-section (2) (13)

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI Madam Chairman, now that the principle of the Bill has been accepted in full, I only want to make one observation. While I fully accept the dynamic socialism of the hon. Minister as well as the central core of the Marxist teaching which I hear on the other side, I must make it clear that one of the copious causes of injury to our national interest in the matter of development of our industry and economy has been our thoughtless criticism of foreign capital, foreign investment and the role of foreign companies. I think our economy needs them and I hope we shall continue to attract foreign capital on terms not of exploitation but of partnership. Our Indian companies are flourishing in foreign lands and if all the time we keep on saying that these foreigners come here and make investments and exploit this country there is no reason why others should not say so about Indian companies which are making fairly good profits in other countries. I take it, therefore, that the policy of this Government is not going to be to shy away foreign capital out of this country.

Coming now to Section 7(2) I wish to make clear my own view as a lawyer that Section 7(2) is wholly unconstitutional and void. It is indefensible even under the provisions of the Constitution as they exist after the 42nd Amendment. You cannot validate Section 7(2) but since the hon. Minister is in some difficulty we do not wish to embarrass him and we would allow Section 7(2) to go on record with the assurance that he shall protect all those who have validly acquired titles to the properties in which they were living until the date of their retirement from Caltex.

Let me however, say this that perhaps the hon Minister is not very far to Caltex because Caltex might not have really played ducks and drakes with us as he said but it is the old policy of this company and I know it. It is a policy which existed prior to 1974 that whenever their senior employees retired they tried to provide accommodation for them by releasing accommodation in their favour and surrendering their own in rights in the apartments which they held. Therefore it is not something which they have done after 1974 or tried to do something underhand. They have also been guided by humanitarian motives in favour of their own employees and they have tried to see that nobody is uprooted after his retirement. Therefore I do not know whether this criticism is really justified and I am sure the hon. Minister will look into this and rectify it if this criticism causes any undeserved damage or hurts to anybody.

If the hon Minister has accepted that he is not going to disturb those who are in occupation I believe he will have no difficulty whatever in accepting the amendment that I have moved namely the addition of a proviso to clause 7(2) on the assumption that clause 7(2) will continue to be a part of the law. All that we have said here is that nothing in this section shall affect the right of those employees who have received residential premises from Caltex on surrender of their own tenancy rights. This proviso you should have no difficulty in accepting at all. This is without any embarrassment to anybody. I do not want anybody to be left to the tender mercies of an assurance given when the legal titles will be wholly displaced. Consider Madam what will happen? How will these people defend themselves against trespassers in a court of law? Suppose a trespasser comes and says 'Your title is extinguished under Sec 7(2). You are not the owner at all,

what is the remedy for them? Therefore, to protect them, you must accept at least this limited proviso which I have moved and Mr Sheth has already allowed you to retain Section 7(2).

That is all I want to submit. You should make it secure for these people to live in their premises.

SHRI VINODBHAI B SHETH (Jamnagar) I heard some of the explanations given by the hon Minister and when the assurance is given if the proviso of Mr Ram Jethmalani is accepted I do not mind withdrawing my amendments.

Secondly if you say the compensation is equal to the written down value it is a bit contradictory. When the price negotiated is Rs 13 crores, then there is a capital gain of Rs 429 crores. If the written down value is accepted as the amount for compensation then the question of capital gains does not arise at all. (Interruptions) Yes it is a question of book entry.

We are going to pay compensation as per clause 10(3). So far as the credibility of this nation is concerned, the provision 'free of income-tax' may be kept.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA I am grateful to Shri Vinodbhai for agreeing to this 8 per cent.

Regarding the question raised by him with regard to capital gains which amounts to Rs 429 crores. I am again saying that it is part of the bargain and it is not a question of something. In any case it is a book entry. We pay them and they pay it back to us. They do not take it home. Nobody is allowed to take it home. We are not reducing it from Rs 13 crores because that is a commitment and a bargain.

So far as the point raised by hon. Member, Shri Ram Jethmalani is

MR CHAIRMAN, The question is

"That Clause 8, as amended, stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted

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In deference to the wishes of the hon. Minister I will not press these amendments

I seek leave of the House to withdraw these amendments

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[**SHRI H N BAHUGUNA**]

concerned I am completely in agreement with him. My difficulty is as I said and also indicated the matter has to be considered by the Cabinet. When I said that I meant that it was considered by the Cabinet even before I came to the Petroleum Ministry.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI We will protect you against your Cabinet.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA I am not seeking protection. I am saying about the propriety. Something which we charged the previous government with I am not going to commit the same mistake. If it is necessary to provide it by law—Mr Jethmalani says that it should be provided by law but I am going a step further—if it is necessary and perhaps it may be necessary to do so then we may think of removing the entire clause. We might have to do that. Therefore I appeal that the question of accepting the proviso should not be insisted upon.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI I am not pressing Amendment No 1 to Clause 7 of the Bill. I seek leave of the House to withdraw it.

Amendment No 1 was by leave withdrawn

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"That Clause 7 stand part of the Bill."

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Clause 8—(Removal of doubts)

SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKHIWDE (Sangli) I beg to move

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The amendment is very simple and I hope there should be no difficulty for the Government to accept it. Before referring to Clause 8 I would draw the attention of the Hon Minister to Clause 15 of the Bill on which this particular amendment is based. It requires the contract to continue unless terminated by the Central Government.

Please refer to page 8 last proviso.

Provided that the Central Government shall not terminate any contract or make any alteration or modification therein except after giving to the parties to the contract a reasonable opportunity of being heard."

Clause 8 is for removal of doubts

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सभापति महोदय लेकिन अमेडमेंट न० कौन सा है आप का ?

श्री हुकम देव नारायण यादव - अमेडमेंट नम्बर इस में जो दिया गया है वह तो है 3।

मुझे ज्यादा नहीं कहना है। केवल इतना ही कहना है कि जनता पार्टी ने जो चुनाव घोषणा पत्र में जनता से कहा है उन में और इस विधेयक में मुझे अन्तर्विरोध नजर आया इसीलिए मैं ने मंत्री जी का ध्यान इस तरफ आकृष्ट करना चाहा कि हिन्दुस्तान में सभी लोगो को दस हजार तक ही आप छूट दे सकते हैं तो इस कम्पनी को 11 लाख डालर जो आप दे रहे हैं उस पर आप कहते हैं कि आपका नहीं लगेगा इसके पीछे क्या रहस्य है, मैं देहात का रहने वाला एक साधारण आदमी हूँ, किसान हूँ, लोक सभा में प्रतिनिधि बनकर आया हूँ, तो इन सब बातों में मुझे बहुत ज्यादा गड़बड़ महसूस पड़ती है। दो तरह की दृष्टि जब बनेगी, वह विदेशी हो या देशी हो या यह भी हो सकती है कि पीछे की सरकार ने जो बार्ता की हो उस के फलस्वरूप हो या यह अमेरिकन कम्पनी है, यह भी इस में पता लगता है तो उस अमेरिकन कम्पनी का पीछे की सरकार पर इतना दबाव रहा हो कि जिस सरकार ने उस कम्पनी में बार्ता की उस ने अमेरिकन सरकार के दबाव में आकर ऐसा किया हो या जो विश्व में साम्यवादी और पूँजीवादी खेता के नाम पर दो दृष्टि चलती रही है उस से कहीं प्रभावित होकर तत्कालीन सरकार ने इतनी बड़ी राशि आपका मुक्त कर के देना या तय कर लिया होता था जो जनता की सरकार है उस को सोचना चाहिए।

मंत्री जी ने विचार के प्रस्ताव के समय कहा कि चूँकि एक सरकार बाँग कर चुकी है तो उसका कैसे तोड़ें। अगर एक सरकार न

बाँदा किया भारत कम्पनी को आर्डर देने का तो उसको हम कैसे छीन सकते हैं — मैं समझता हूँ इस तरह में कोई दम नहीं है। पिछली सरकार ने कम्पनी से बाँदा किया है और कोई एग्जीमेन्ट हुआ लेकिन अब इस सरकार का काम है कि वह उस वादे पर फिर से विचार करे और इस बात को देखे कि इस कम्पनी को जो आयकर मुक्त सुद दिया जा रहा है उसको देना देश के लिए ठीक होगा या नहीं, वह जनहित में होगा या नहीं। इस बात को देखना इस सरकार के लिए परमावश्यक है। आयकर मुक्त इतने लाख डालर की इतनी बड़ी राशि अगर आप किसी कम्पनी को देते हैं तो मैं नहीं समझता वह समाजवाद या प्रगतिशीलता का दृष्टिकोण होगा। अगर समाजवाद सही माने में कुछ धर्य रखता है तो इस बिल को समाजवादी बिल नहीं कहा जा सकता। जो मेरा अगला सशोधन है उसपर जब मैं बात करूँगा तो आगे की बात ताऊंगा लेकिन अभी तो मैं यही कहना चाहता हूँ कि सविधान में सभी नागरिक बराबर हैं और न्याय के आधार पर सभी को समानाधिकार मिलना चाहिए। जनता पार्टी ने लिखा है अपने चुनाव घोषणा पत्र में कि 10 हजार तक की आमदनी हम आयकर मुक्त मानेंगे। फिर यह जो बिल आया है जिसमें इतनी राशि करमुक्त कर दी है यह एक अन्तर्विरोध है और जनता को दिए गए आश्वासन के प्रतिकूल है।

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नेविन एक बात ध्यात मारूम हो गई
 है—माननीय सदस्य जिस दल से खड़े हाने
 हैं वही जीतता है और सरकार बनाना है।
 इसलिए सब को यह मान लेना चाहिए कि
 मानदार सदस्य जिसर 7 खड़े हो रहे हा

उसी दल की सरकार बनती चली जायगी।
 इस खुशी की सूचना के लिए जिसे उन्होंने
 दिया है मैं उनको धन्यवाद देना चाहता
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MR. CHAIRMAN I shall now put
 amendment No 3 to the vote of the
 House

*Amendment No 3 was put and
 negatived*

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That Clause 10 stand part of the
 Bill.

The motion was adopted.

Clause 10 was added to the Bill.

Clause 11—[*Transfer of service of
 existing employees of Caltex (India)
 etc*]

SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKHINDE
 I beg to move

Page 7 line 14—

for "an" substitute "a reasonable"
 (10)

As the hon. Minister has already
 accepted my similar amendment, I
 request that this may also be accepted.

SHRI H N BAHUGUNA I accept
 it for his satisfaction. At one place
 the word reasonable is there So for
 similarity I accept his amendment

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

Page 7 line 14—

for "an" substitute "a reasonable"
 (10)

The motion was adopted

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That Clause 11 as amended stand
 part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Clause 11 as amended, was added to the Bill

Clause 12—(Prudent superannuation, welfare fund etc)

SHRI HUKMDEO NARAIN YADAV
I beg to move*

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after line 4 insert—

(5) There shall be a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of the company which shall consist of—

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- (vi) one jurist to be nominated by the above representatives and

the representative of the Bank shall be the Chairman and the representative of the Government shall be the Secretary of the Board of Directors." (5)

समाप्ति महोदय, मैंने जो सशोधन दिया है—उस के पीछे एक दृष्टिकोण है। इस समय हम जिस विधेयक पर विचार कर रहे हैं, उस के सम्बन्ध में हम यह मान कर चल रहे हैं कि यह पहले की सरकार द्वारा बनाया हुआ है। लेकिन जहाँ तक राष्ट्रीयकरण का सवाल है—हम लोग जो राष्ट्रीयकरण के पक्षवाले हैं, हमारी यह धारणा रही है कि वास्तव में राष्ट्रीयकरण ही। राष्ट्रीयकरण और सरकारीकरण इन दोनों में

बहुत बड़ा फर्क है। यह कहा जा सकता है कि यह विधेयक राष्ट्रीयकरण वाला है, लेकिन मेरी दृष्टि में यह राष्ट्रीयकरण नहीं है, बल्कि सरकारीकरण है। एक निजी विदेशी कम्पनी जो हमारे देश में कारोबार कर रही थी, उस का काम को सरकार ने अपने हाथ में ले लिया, लेकिन इस का जो प्रवन्ध है, वह उसी पद्धति से चलगा जिस पद्धति से यह आज तक चलता आया है। एक डायरेक्टर और चपरासी में जो अन्तर आज तक चलता आया है, वह आगे भी चलेगा। जो बड़े अफसर हैं, उन के रहन-सहन का जो ढंग है, उन की भ्राना-शौकत, बगला, बोटी मोटरकार—ये सब उसी तरह से संचालित रहेंगे जैसे कम्पनी के मातहत थे। सरकार के अपने हाथ में लेने से उन की कार्य-पद्धति में कोई अन्तर नहीं आएगा। फर्क सिर्फ इतना पड़ेगा कि पहले उन को कार्लटव्स कम्पनी के जरिये वेतन मिलता था, अब उस का भुगतान भारत सरकार के जरिये होगा। राष्ट्रीयकरण में तब मानता जब एक चपरासी और इस कम्पनी में काम करनेवाले सब से बड़े अफसर दोनों के वेतन और भत्ते में जो अंतर अस्मानता है, उस को दूर करने का कोई कार्यक्रम इस में होता। इस में उस अस्मानता को दूर करने का कोई प्रयास नहीं किया गया है। छोटे छोटे कर्मचारियों का जो शोषण अफसरों द्वारा होता है, उन पर जो उन का नियंत्रण होता है, उन का पता हमेशा उन के ऊपर बसा रहता है और वे उन को दबाने में सक्षम रहते हैं, उन बड़े अफसरों का पता उन के ऊपर बसा हो और छोटे कर्मचारियों को ब दबा न सके, इस के सम्बन्ध में इस बिल में कुछ नहीं है। इस में केवल इतना ही होगा कि पहले जहाँ अमेरिकन कम्पनी द्वारा उन को वेतन मिलता था अब वह वेतन भारत सरकार दिया करेगी। इस का मतलब यह हुआ कि रेलगाड़ी को पटरी नहीं है इंचन नहीं है

लेकिन जो पहले डिब्बा लगा हुआ था, उस डिब्बे को बदल दिया गया है। दजन बहा चल रहा है और सम्पूर्ण व द्वारा वही चल रहा है। मैं किसानों का प्रतिनिधि हूँ लेकिन इस में किसानों के प्रतिनिधित्व की, उपभक्ताओं के प्रतिनिधित्व की कोई बात नहीं कही गई है। जनता पार्टी न अपने चुनाव घोषणा पत्र में कहा था कि उस के द्वारा मजदूरों का हित होगा और किसानों का हित होगा। जनता पार्टी को सरकार का यह प्रथम राष्ट्रीयकरण का विशेषक सदस्य पता हुआ है, तो मैं सरकार से पूछना चाहता कि इस में मजदूरों की साक्षीदारी का सवाल क्यों नहीं रखा गया है।

सभापति जी, मैं एक बुनियादी सवाल उठाना चाहता हूँ और वह यह है कि सरकार द्वारा यह कम्पनी लो जा रही है। मैं आप को बताना चाहता हूँ कि जब खेती के लिये हॉर्टीकल की आवश्यकता पड़ती थी पाम्पिंग सेट चलाने के लिये, तो मैं जानता हूँ, क्योंकि मैं एक किसान हूँ और भुक्तभोगी हूँ, कि हमें किसकी कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ता था और वह हम को नहीं मिलता था। जब सरकार ने इस तेल कम्पनी को अपने हाथ में ले लिया है तो किसानों का एक प्रतिनिधि इस के संचालन मंडल में, बोर्ड आफ डाइरेक्टर्स में होना चाहिये। इन में किसानों का प्रतिनिधि हो, मजदूरों का प्रतिनिधि हो और उपभोक्ताओं का प्रतिनिधि हो और फिर उनके द्वारा सारे तंत्र का संचालन हो और सारा सरकारी तंत्र ही न हो। मैं चाहता हूँ कि एक ऐसी स्वतन्त्र संस्था हो जो इस कम्पनी पर नियंत्रण रखे। मैं समझता हूँ कि जो राष्ट्रीयकरण की दृष्टि है, उस के अनुसार ऐसा हाता जरूरी है। इसलिये मुझे यह सशोधन देना पड़ा है और यह सशोधन जो मेरी दृष्टि है, जो जनता पार्टी की दृष्टि है और जो चुनाव घोषणा पत्र में कहा गया है, उस के अनुसार

है और उस सब को ध्यान में रख कर ही सरकार को यह विधेयक लोक सभा में लाना चाहिये था। ऐसा नहीं हुआ है और इस से जनता भी जो आपवासन दिया गया है, उस के प्रतिकूल यह विधेयक जाता है। मैं किमान हूँ और मैं किसानों के दर्द को देखा है और उन दर्द से मैं पीड़ित रह चुका हूँ। हम लोग किसानों का वोट लेकर यहां पर गये हैं और मैंने उन में वायदा किया है कि भारत में लोक सभा में इस बार हम आपकी बातों को उठाने में। यह पहला मौका है जबकि इस लोक सभा में लगभग 250, 300 विशुद्ध किसानों के प्रतिनिधि चुन कर गये हैं और इस बार उद्योगपतियों और किसानों के बीच टक्कर होने वाली है। इस बार किसान हारने वाला नहीं है और हम अपने अधिकारों के लिये लड़ेंगे। इसलिये मैं अपने सशोधन को पेश कर रहा हूँ। राष्ट्रीयकरण की जो नीति है, उस में परिवर्तन हो और जनता के हित में यह चीज होनी चाहिये। केवल सरकारीकरण करने से कुछ नहीं होना वाला है। जो पुरानी सरकार की दृष्टि है उस को आप न अपनाएँ और इसलिये मैं अपना सशोधन सदन में पेश किया है।

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा विहार के माननीय सदस्य श्री हुजमदज नारायण यादव ने जो एक बुनियादी प्रश्न, मौलिक प्रश्न उठाया है, वह बड़ा व्यापक है। पहली बात तो मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि हम ने कहीं भी 'राष्ट्रीयकरण' शब्द का प्रयोग नहीं किया है। टेक ओवर और राष्ट्रीयकरण में बहुत फर्क है। कम्पनी को अपने हाथ में लेना और राष्ट्रीयकरण करना, इन दोनों में थोड़ा सा फर्क है। मैंने पहले भी कहा है कि भारत सरकार और कालटेक्स के बीच में एक समझौता हुआ है। इसलिये इस दृष्टि को माननीय सदस्य भूलें नहों।

Clause 11 as amended, was added to the Bill

Clause 12—(Provident, superannuation, welfare fund etc)

SHRI HUKMDEO NARAIN YADAV
I beg to move*

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after line 4 insert—

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बहुत बड़ा फर्क है। यह कहा जा सकता है कि यह विधेयक राष्ट्रीयकरण वाला है, लेकिन मेरी दृष्टि में यह राष्ट्रीयकरण नहीं है, बल्कि सरकारीकरण है। एक निजी विदेशी कम्पनी जो हमारे देश में कारोबार कर रही थी, उस के काम की सरकार ने अपने हाथ में ले लिया, लेकिन इस का जो प्रयोज्य है, वह उसी पद्धति से चलेगा जिस पद्धति में यह आज तक चलता आया है। एक डायरेक्टर और चपरासी के जो अन्तर-आन्तर चलना आया है, वह आगे भी चलेगा। जो बड़े अफसर हैं, उन के रहन-सहन का जो खर्च है, उन की शाना शौचन, बगला, वाड़ी, मोटरकार—ये सब उसी तरह से संचालित रहेंगे जैसे कम्पनी के मातहत थे। सरकार के अपने हाथ में लेने से उन की कार्य-पद्धति में कोई अन्तर नहीं आयेगा। फर्क सिर्फ इतना पड़ेगा कि पहले उन को वासटैक्स कम्पनी के जरिये वेतन मिलता था, अब उस का भुगतान भारत सरकार के जरिये होगा। राष्ट्रीयकरण में तब मानता जब एक चपरासी और इस कम्पनी में काम करनेवाले सब से बड़ अफसर दोनों के वेतन और भत्ते में जो भयंकर असमानता है, उस को दूर करने का कोई कार्यक्रम इस में होता। इस में उस असमानता को दूर करने का कोई प्रयास नहीं किया गया है। छोटे छोटे कर्मचारियों का जो शोषण अफसरों द्वारा होता है, उन पर जो उन का नियंत्रण होता है, उन का पत्रा हमेशा उन के ऊपर बसा रहता है और वे उन की दबावे में लगे रहते हैं, उन बड़े अफसरों का पत्रा उन के ऊपर कम हो और छोटे कर्मचारियों को ब दबाव न सके, इस के सम्बन्ध में इस बिल में कुछ नहीं है। इस में केवल इतना ही होगा कि पहले जहाँ अमेरिकन कम्पनी द्वारा उन को वेतन मिलता था, अब वह वेतन भारत सरकार द्वारा देगा जायेगा। इस का मतलब यह हुआ कि रेनगाडी की पगरी बही है, इजन बही है

लेकिन जो पहले डिव्वा लगा हुआ था, उस डिव्वा को बदल दिया गया है। इज्जत वहाँ चल रहा है और सम्पूर्ण का ध्यान वही चल रहा है। मैं किसानों का प्रतिनिधि हूँ लेकिन इस में किसानों के प्रतिनिधित्व की, उपर्युक्तों के प्रतिनिधित्व की कोई बात नहीं कही गई है। जनता पार्टी ने अपने चुनाव घोषणा पत्र में कहा था कि उस के द्वारा मजदूरों का हित होगा और किसानों का हित होगा। जनता पार्टी की सरकार का यह प्रथम राष्ट्रीयकरण का विधेयक सदन में पेश हुआ है, तो मैं सरकार से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि इस में मजदूरों की साझेदारी का सवाल क्यों नहीं रखा गया है।

सभापति जी, मैं एक बुनियादी सवाल उठाना चाहता हूँ और वह यह है कि सरकार द्वारा यह कम्पनी ली जा रही है। मैं आप को बताना चाहता हूँ कि जब खेती के लिये जो डीजल की आवश्यकता पड़ती थी पाम्पिंग सेट चलाने के लिये, तो मैं जानता हूँ, क्योंकि मैं एक किसान हूँ और भुक्तमोगी हूँ, कि हमें कितनी बठिनरिया का सामना करना पड़ता था और वह हम को नहीं मिलता था। जब सरकार ने इस तेल कम्पनी को अपने हाथ में ले लिया है तो किसानों का एक प्रतिनिधि इस के संचालन मंडल में, बोर्ड आफ डाइरेक्टर्स में होना चाहिये। इस में किसानों का प्रतिनिधि हो, मजदूरों का प्रतिनिधि हो और उपभोक्ताओं का प्रतिनिधि हो और फिर उनके द्वारा सारे तंत्र का संचालन हो और सारा सरकारी तंत्र ही न हो। मैं चाहता हूँ कि एक ऐसी स्वतन्त्र संस्था हो जो इस कम्पनी पर नियंत्रण रखे। मैं समझता हूँ कि जो राष्ट्रीयकरण की दृष्टि है, उस के अनुसार ऐसा होना जरूरी है। इसलिये मुझे यह सलाह देना पड़ा है और यह सलाह जो मेरी दृष्टि है, जो जनता पार्टी की दृष्टि है और जो चुनाव घोषणा पत्र में कहा गया है, उस के अनुसार

है और उस सब को ध्यान में रख कर ही सरकार को यह विधेयक लोक सभा में लाना चाहिये था। ऐसा नहीं हुआ है और इस से जनता को जो आश्वासन दिया गया है, उस के प्रतिकूल यह विधेयक जाता है। मैं किसान हूँ और मैं किसान के दर्द को देखा है और उन दर्द से मैं पीड़ित रह चुका हूँ। हम लोग किसानों का वोट लेकर यहाँ पर आये हैं और मैं उन में वायदा किया है कि भारत की लोक सभा में इस बार हम आप की बातों को उठावेंगे। यह पहला मौका है जबकि इस लोक सभा में लगभग 250, 300 विशुद्ध किसानों के प्रतिनिधि चुन कर आये हैं और इस बार उद्योगपतियाँ और किसानों के बीच टक्कर होने वाली है। इस बार किसान हारने वाला नहीं है और हम अपने अधिकार के लिये लड़ेंगे। इसलिये मैं अपने संगोष्ठन को पेश कर रहा हूँ। राष्ट्रीयकरण की जो नीति है, उस में परिवर्तन हो और जनता के हित में यह चीज होनी चाहिये। केवल सरकारीकरण करने से कुछ नहीं होने वाला है। जो पुरानी सरकार की दृष्टि है, उस को आप न अपनाएँ और इसलिये मैंने अपना संगोष्ठन सदन में पेश किया है।

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा बिहार के माननीय सदस्य श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव ने जो एक बुनियादी प्रश्न, मौलिक प्रश्न उठाया है, वह बड़ा व्यापक है। पहली बात तो मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि हम ने कहीं भी 'राष्ट्रीयकरण' शब्द का प्रयोग नहीं किया है। 'टेब ओवर' और 'राष्ट्रीयकरण' में बहुत फर्क है। कम्पनी को अपने हाथ में लेना और राष्ट्रीयकरण करना, इन दोनों में बड़ा सा फर्क है। मैंने पहले भी कहा है कि भारत सरकार और काल्टेक्स के बीच में एक समझौता हुआ है। इसलिये इस दृष्टि को माननीय सदस्य भूलें नहीं।

[श्रीहेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा]

दूसरी बात जो मैं उन से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ वह यह है कि केवल काल-टैक्स कम्पनी ही तेल और डीजल बनाने का काम नहीं करती है। इण्डियन आयल कॉर्पोरेशन और आयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कमीशन तथा अन्य सस्याएँ भी रिफाईनिंग इत्यादि का काम करती हैं। इसलिए उन का जो यह कहना है कि बोर्ड ऑफ़ डाइरेक्टर्स में कौन कौन रहें, कैसे रहें, यह तो जब इण्डियन आयल के बारे में प्रस्ताव आए उस समय यह बात विचार करने की है। इस समय तो कालटैक्स के टेक ओवर का मामला सदन के सामने है। जब सम्पूर्ण तेल व्यवसाय, तेल उद्योग को चलाने के लिए नीति पर विचार हो, उसमें कालटैक्स कम्पनी भी शामिल होगी, क्योंकि सम्पूर्ण तेल उद्योग का यह भी एक हिस्सा है, उस समय इन सब मुद्दों पर जो कि माननीय सदस्य ने अभी उठाया है, विचार हो सकता है। अगर अभी हम कालटैक्स के मामले में इन मुद्दों को लें तो इसका मतलब यह भी हो सकता है कि हमने सम्पूर्ण तेल उद्योग का छोड़ दिया और केवल काल-टैक्स को लिया।

माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि किसानों के प्रतिनिधि यहाँ पर ज्यादा हैं। खुशनसीबी से मैं भी उसी वर्ग का हूँ। हम 290-300 सदस्य मजदूरों और किसानों का जो प्रतिनिधित्व करते हैं उनका ध्यान तो आना ही, इस विषय को क्या संदेह हो सकता है। लेकिन इस समय तो हम कालटैक्स का इतना ज़ोर अपने हाथ में ले रहे हैं। उसका इतना ज़ोर कैसे हो, यह उस समय विचार करने की बात है जब हम सम्पूर्ण तेल नीति पर विचार करें। बपडे के उद्योग का कैसे प्रबंध हो यह उस समय विचार करने की बात है तब कि तेल उद्योग की नीति पर विचार हो। मैं माननीय सदस्य को विश्वास

दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि उस समय व जो भी बात उठाना चाहें वे उठा सकते हैं और हम उस पर पूरी तरह विचार करेंगे।

जहाँ तक डीजल मिलने के कठिनाई का सवाल है, फर्टिलाइजर मिलने में कठिनाई का सवाल है, ये सारी बातें जब पेट्रोलियम और फर्टिलाइजर से सम्बन्धित बजट पेश होगा उसमें आएगी तथा इसके सम्बन्ध में नीति निर्धारित होगी। उस समय माननीय सदस्य वे सारी बातें रख सकते हैं कि इस मंत्रालय को इन सब बातों के सम्बन्ध में क्या करना चाहिए और उसी समय उन्हें ये सारी बातें करनी चाहिए। मैं माननीय सदस्य के विचारों और भावनाओं का आदर करता हूँ लेकिन उनका इस विल से कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है।

MR. CHAIRMAN I will now put amendment No 5 to the vote of the House

Amendment No 5 was put and negatived

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

'That clause 12 stand part of the Bill'

The motion was adopted

Clause 12 was added to the Bill
Clauses 13 to 24 The Schedule, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula the Preamble and the Title were added to the Bill

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA. I beg to move

'That the Bill as amended be passed

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

'That the Bill as amended be passed.'

The motion was adopted

1424 hrs.

PETROLEUM PIPELINES (ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER IN LAND) AMENDMENT BILL

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK)
Madam I beg to move *

That the Bill to amend the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act 1962 be taken into consideration "

It is well known to the House that the Kudremukh Project is a very important project and it has to be completed in a record time on a priority basis.

1425 hrs.

[SHRI S D PATIL in the Chair]

This is an additional pipeline for transporting petroleum. Powers are already vested with the Government but these are additional powers to be taken by the Government. Therefore this Bill has come as an amendment of the earlier one. So I would request the House to take this into consideration.

MR CHAIRMAN Motion moved

"That the Bill to amend the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 be taken into consideration "

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER (Durgapur) The Bill seeks to extend the coverage of the principal Act by providing the system of pipeline for transporting of other minerals apart from the existing provision for petroleum products. Before extending the provisions of the Act it would have been better if the Government would have paid some attention to the working of petroleum pipelines in the country. The petroleum pipelines scandals

were among the most prominent that were brought to light during the Congress regime in the past. The Takkru Commission was appointed to inquire into the scandalous state of affairs which highlighted losses of several lakhs of rupees to the Government. The findings of the Takkru Commission are perhaps now gathering dust in the official shelves. The Parliament has no idea rather Parliament was never informed about the steps taken by the Government to rectify the matters after the findings of the Takkru Commission were submitted to the Congress Government. There was serious apprehension that the entire matter was hushed up and the officers involved were allowed to get away with the booty. It is necessary that all these facts should be brought before the public by the Janata Government so that colossal misuse of power by the top officers can be stopped in future. If the Government had brought this Bill after rectifying the mistakes of the past Bill, it would have seen by the people in a different perspective. The technique of transport of bulk minerals by pipeline is a highly sophisticated technique. Some more thought should have been given by the Government as to whether this system should be introduced in India in today's circumstances. If the minerals are transported by traditional methods it would give employment to several thousand of workers. The proposed technique of transportation of mineral through pipelines will prevent generation of new jobs. If such high technological devices are introduced the task of achieving full employment in ten years will be greatly jeopardised. I would therefore request the Government to reconsider the introduction of such highly technical devices and further consider whether these jobs can be done with use of manual labour so that growing unemployment in the country is at least arrested to some extent. The Kudremukh Iron Ore Project

*Moved with the recommendation of the Vice-President acting as President

[Shri Krishna Chandra Halder]

where this technique is initially being introduced will only help the foreign company who will sell the machinery to India. Instead if the Government makes an effort of using labour intensive methods it will increase the purchasing power of the people and boost the domestic market. Therefore the Government should give some more consideration to this aspect. The principal act itself does not provide adequate compensation to the poor peasants whose land is acquired for the purpose. At times suitable alternative sites are also not provided to them. This only adds to the gravity of the problem. It is necessary that the government should make some efforts to change its attitude in this regard so that the poor people in the villages whose land is acquired are not faced with destitution. While providing for the removal of the construction on the land acquired by government this Act assumes added importance. Therefore I would request government to make a break with the haphazard manner in which the Congress government was tackling the issue in the past, so that government could take a more pro-people attitude on such an issue.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK I do not understand what the hon. Member is trying to convey. As he himself says the pipeline is being laid to carry the slurry of concentrates from the iron ore belt to the harbour for onward transmission by ships to Iran. Does he suggest that this should be carried by head loads by labour all the way from the quarry to the port? That is how you can use more manpower (Interruptions). There is only one way. Either we carry by the pipeline by making it slurry or by millions of labour with head loads across the mountains. There is no other way.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER If the alternative suggestion is accepted by the government it can be done.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK Obviously so. Therefore, saying that this is going to take away the employment potential is incorrect, because quarrying will itself provide the potential. The maintenance of the pipeline will provide it and the bill amply provides for proper compensation to be paid, to be fixed by no less a person than the district judge if the pipeline removes buildings or fills up wells etc. I hope you will have no objection to this.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER I want to know whether it will apply to other iron ore mines also in future as well.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK Yes. This is an enabling bill to carry through pipelines materials other than petroleum and petroleum products. That is all which it seeks to do at the moment. It will be brought about for the same purpose for which this House has given powers to the government in the case of transportation of oil and oil products through pipelines. There is no difference.

MR. CHAIRMAN There are no speakers. The question is

"That the Bill to amend the Petroleum Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. CHAIRMAN We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration. The question is

"That Clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill.

Clause 4—

(Amendment of section 2)

MR. CHAIRMAN Now Clause 4. There is one amendment from Mr. Gotkhinde.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK On this amendment I believe I have already explained the matter to Shri Gotkhinde I do not think he will insist on moving it

SHRI ANNASAHAB GOTKHIHDE I would not move it I would seek to know whether there will be multiplicity of proceedings and contradictory recommendations

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK As I have already explained to the hon Member we have put in the words in the same area because there may be different authorities operating in the same area There are 2 different companies viz Caltex and Indian Oil They are 2 different corporations operating in the same area That has to be provided for Along with this an iron ore line has to come under a different authority And it will create further complication Therefore the bill seeks to provide for different authorities in the same area or in different areas

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That Clauses 4 5 and 6 stand part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Clauses 4 5 and 6 were added to the Bill

Clause 7—

(Amendment of section 6)

SHRI ANNASAHAB GOTKHIHDE I beg to move

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omit lines 20 to 23 (2)

The hon Minister was quite generous in explaining the provisions to me I am glad the intention of the Government is to safeguard and protect the interests of the users and occupiers Therefore I am not pressing this amendment

MR CHAIRMAN Has the hon Member the leave of the House to withdraw his amendment?

SOME HON MEMBERS Yes

Amendment No 2 was by leave, withdrawn

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That Clauses 7 and 8 stand part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Clauses 7 and 8 were added to the Bill

Clause 9—

(Amendment of section 9)

SHRI ANNASAHAB GOTKHIHDE I beg to move

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for the costs *substanti*—

the reasonable costs (3)

Though the Minister tried to convince me still my doubts are there If the intention is to safeguard the interests of the owner or occupier that will not be safeguarded unless and until my amendment is accepted I will make my point clear The provision reads

the Court of the District Judge within the local limits of whose jurisdiction such land is situated may on an application made to it by the competent authority and after holding such inquiry as it may deem fit

—what is the court called upon to do? The provision says

cause the building structure reservoir dam or tree to be removed or the well or tank to be filled up

That is the main function entrusted to the Court. So far as the fixation of the cost is concerned, there is no option left to the court It has to fix whatever cost is determined by the competent authority Therefore I would request the Government to accept this particular amendment In that case whether the cost determined by the competent authority is reasonable or not would be determined by the district court

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK The amendment moved by the hon Member really does not cover that point at all. In that case he should have stated reasonable cost as may be awarded by the District Judge. When the District Judge holds some enquiry for the removal of buildings, he also holds enquiry on the buildings put up and the cost. So it covers both the things. What the hon Member has in mind is the protection of the tenant, the owner of the land or the building or whatever is sought to be demolished. I have no doubt that the Government have taken good care to protect the interests of the affected people. This Government does not like the previous Government take over any property at any price. That is not the intention of this Government. In view of that I would request the hon. Member to withdraw his amendment.

SHRI ANNASAHIB GOTKHINDE
I want to withdraw my amendment.
I seek leave of the House to withdraw it.

MR CHAIRMAN Has the hon. Member the leave of the House to withdraw his amendment?

SOME HON MEMBERS Yes

*Amendment No 3 was, by leave,
withdrawn*

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That Clauses 9 to 11, Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 9 to 11, Clause 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to Bill.

SHRI BIJU PATNAIK I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed"

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted

PREVENTION OF PUBLICATION OF OBJECTIONABLE MATTER (REPEAL) BILL

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K.
ADVANI) I beg to move

That the Bill to repeal the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act 1976, be taken into consideration.

At this stage I do not want to say very much on this subject because the purpose of this Bill is obvious. We hold that during the last 19/20 months there has been a very serious encroachment into the freedom of the press and this particular measure, namely the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act, which was adopted during the period of the emergency constitutes a very serious erosion of the freedom of the press.

[MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

It is therefore that the Government has decided to include this among the first Bills to be introduced in this House. I commend it to the House with all the emphasis at my command.

I would like to say that our belief in the freedom of the press is not a matter of policy. It is an article of faith with us because we hold that without the freedom of the press, democracy is meaningless, and if the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act remained on the statute-book, freedom of the press would be an illusory thing it would have no meaning whatsoever.

This is the brief statement that I wish to make at this stage.

MR DEPUTY-SEPAKER Motion moved

"That the Bill to repeal the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act, 1976, be taken into consideration"

श्री जे० रामेश्वर राव (हनुमन्गढ़)
उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आप व जस्टिस पहन ही
कहना चाहता हूँ कि हम इस बिल क खिलाफ
नहीं हैं। हम पूरी तरह से इस बिल का
समर्थन करने हैं। मुझे मन्त्रा महोदय की
दम बान में पूरा दनितार है कि बिना
प्रेस या अखबारों की आजादी के जम्हूरियन
नहीं बन सकती है।

परमा नाम मैंने टांविजन पर प्रधान
मन्त्री व भाषण को बड़ गौर से सुना—
मुझे उन व हर लपक से इतफाक है वह
भी हमारे माता व हमारे उय प्रधान मन्त्री
व—, मगर मैंने देखा कि उन्होंने कोई नई
बान नहीं कहा। य सारा बातें हमारा
पाटी वही गई हैं। इस मदन में नहीं
गई हैं। मगर उन नमाने में उन व इम्प्ली-
मेंटेशन में कुछ ताखीर हुई। मुझे उम्मीद
है कि कम से कम अरब न कि उन्होंने
वापस का सेबल छोड़ कर जनता पार्टी का
सेबल अख्यार किया है इसका इम्प्ली
मेंटेशन होगा। इस में हमारा पूरी
मदद रहेगी।

एक बात मैं मन्त्री महोदय व ध्यान में
लाना चाहता हूँ कि इस अखबारी आजादी
को देने के बाद वे यकी जननिष्ठा जिसे
कहा जाता है उसे कैसे रक लेंगे? वे
भी नहीं चाहेंगे और हम भी नहीं चाहेंगे
कि ऐसी चीजें अखबारों में कही जाय
जिस से देश का नु सान हो या किसी
करी क नुकसान हो। प्रस की डिगनिटी में नैन
होने चाहिए और एक कांड आफ कण्डक्ट
होना चाहिए। सोचन ये पढ़ने कि एक
प्रस कौंसिल हो और एक बोर्ड आफ कण्डक्ट
ही। मगर यह समझ में नहीं आया।
अब हुकूमत इस के बारे में क्या क्या करे
है वे क्या सोचने हैं यह हम जनना चाहते
हैं। अब क्या करेंगे? प्रस कौंसिल को
री-एक्टिवाइज करेंगे या बोर्ड आफ कण्डक्ट
लाएंगे? क्योंकि यह जरूरी है।

जिस तरह से मन्त्री महोदय ने कहा कि बिना
अखबारी आजादी के जम्हूरियन नहीं चल
सकता जिससे मुझे बिल्कुल इतफाक है
इसी तरह अखबारों। बोर्ड आफ कण्डक्ट
के बिना भी जम्हूरियन नहीं बन सकती, यह
आप का मानना पड़ेगा। इन बारे में आप
क्या मांघते हैं? जिस तरह से इस का
अमल में लाएंगे जिस तरह से इस का
अमल में उस हद तक हम मदन में आप हम
को बिना न बिना तरह का एप्लोस कर
दोलिएगा। इस में ज्यादाता मैं कहना
नहीं चाहता और मदन का बवन भी नहीं
लेना चाहता। इन थोड़े से शब्दों के साथ
मैं आप व इस बिल का समर्थन करता
हूँ।

SHRI JAGANNATH SHARMA
(Garhwal) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir,
after the historic elections the party
in power has stood for the service of
the people and is trying to preserve
the ideals of democracy Freedom of
Press is the corner stone of democracy
and a sound foundation of all demo-
cratic organisations Whether it is in
India whether it is in America or
England in all the democracies of the
world, there are certain elements
which are common for all democra-
cies For example in a democracy,
there is a rule of majority and res-
pect for the minority and the funda-
mental rights adumbrated in Article
19 of the Constitution and so on

Now even with all these freedoms
freedom of the Press is the most im-
portant, even with the freedom that
has been enunciated in Article 19 of
the Constitution freedom of the Press
is the most important While deciding
Ramesh Thapers case the Chief Jus-
tice Mr Patanjali Shastri has said
There may be some abuse of free-
dom of Press A freedom of such
amplitude might involve risk of abuse.
But the framers of the Constitution
may well have reflected with Madison
who was the moving spirit in the pre-
paration of the First Amendment of
the Federal Constitution that it is

[Shri Jagannath Sharma]

better to leave a few of its noxious branches to their luxuriant growth than by pruning them away to injure the vigour of these yielding the proper fruits." Then Lord Mansfield has said "Pruning without any previous licence." With all this background, what the Congress Government did? It abrogated the Feroze Gandhi Act, it suppressed the recommendation of the Press Commission and it brought forward an Act which can be termed as the darkest Act in the history of this House. In fact there was no occasion for me to speak on this Bill. But since this Act has a dark history, since this Act under repeal is treated as a black Act, I thought of speaking a few words on this Bill.

Everybody knows that there was the Press Emergency Powers Act passed in 1930 and then there was the Publication of Objectionable Matter Act, passed in 1931 and both these Acts were repealed in 1937. What was provided in these Acts? There was a provision that the security can be forfeited but the forfeiture of security shall be decided only by a court of law. In spite of this background in spite of this history in spite of this knowledge that they had in this country the Congress Government brought forward a Bill, under repeal, at the moment which said that a District Magistrate can do whatever he likes, that a person of the rank of the Deputy Secretary can raise any objection can *suo motu* claim and arrest anybody and then the Government of India had all the powers without any reference to the court. If I am not mistaken if I have some correct knowledge about it, I even heard that a petitioner who went to the court was held up under MISA and the judge was reverted. These are some of the things that have to be recapitulated before we want to repeal this Bill. It is of course, most welcome.

In this connection I would also like to invite the attention of the House to the Preventive Detention Act. I was sorry to hear from the Leader of the Opposition that he owned the excesses

committed but that he stood by the Forty-second Constitution Amendment. My submission is that it was to perpetuate those excesses that the Forty-Second Constitution Amendment came into existence. After the First and Second World War the British Parliament authorised the Government to use preventive detention and the British Government used preventive detention only in war time. But our Constitution envisages preventive detention even in peace time. If it envisages preventive detention even in peace time what was the necessity of bringing forward the MISA? What was the necessity of bringing forward such Bills knowing full well that they could take resort to such measures as even preventive detention. I am not in favour of even preventive detention. This is what even our former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Mr Patanjali Shastri, said.

This sinister-looking feature so strangely out of place in a democratic Constitution and so incompatible with the provisions of the Preamble is doubtless designed to prevent the abuse of freedom by anti-social and subversive elements which might imperil the national welfare of this infant Republic."

It was he who thoroughly condemned even preventive detention as a sinister-looking feature, as a monster, absolutely undesirable in a democratic set-up. But he said that since we were an infant Republic let us have it for some time.

Even with this background, even with these judicial pronouncements, we had this black Act which is under repeal now and an Act like MISA. Not only this. In the Act under repeal, there was a provision that nothing can be published against the President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers in spite of their mis-doings. They were protected against scurrilous actions indecent actions defamatory actions and even against blackmail. What has happened to these Members of Parliament? What has happened to the citizens of this country?

Under what conditions is the House to discuss again in detail Articles 14, 19 and 20 of the Constitution? I would not like to dilate on it, but I would certainly like to say that Art 14 which guarantees equality before law and equal protection under the law cannot be protected if only the Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers are protected for any type of remarks or any type of actions. These were the contents of that harsh Bill. And then, in order to stifle the Opposition, in order to gag the working classes and in order to punish the journalists, the editors and the general public, this Bill was brought with these provisions

Whenever there is an autocratic dictator and whenever he wants to change popular rule to authoritarian rule, the first thing he does is to give a jolt to the Press because it is the strongest and perhaps the most powerful means of ventilating and expressing opinions about the performance of the Government

Since my time is short I don't want to enlarge on it but with this background I would support the Hon. Minister that the Bill should be repealed. At the same time, though this is not the time for me to advise the Press and though I am not in a position to do so I would certainly make this request to them. I belong to a constituency which is known in the country and abroad as one of the holiest places where the devout Hindus go on pilgrimage, namely Badrinath and Kedarnath I belong to that constituency which is wholly known and yet is absolutely unknown, I belong to that constituency where people have gone for salvation—kings and common people alike, I belong to that constituency which is widely known Flowers (there are about 2,000 varieties of flowers) which is the Botanists' paradise and tourists' delight but that is not known to this country. So now I would request the Press of course through the Minister and the Government that they should now take a decision to find out the hidden wealth of the Himalayas. They should find

out whether it is Kubera's Alka or Indras Amaravati. This is the time when the Press should take the initiative. They should not resort to yellow journalism, they should not go after capitalists alone. They should themselves feel the need of the country without waiting for any suggestions.

If the learned Speaker would give me some time I would like to speak in detail at the time of the Budget about what there is in the Himalayas and the constituency to which I belong. But at the same time, I would like to request the Press that they should make a determined effort to find out the hidden wealth of the Himalayas and other parts of the country.

With these words I support the Bill

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR (Dindigul) Sir I welcome this Bill wholeheartedly on behalf of the All India Anna DMK. My Party and I consider the right of publication as nothing but the right of expression, which is one of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed under Art 19(1) (A) in Chapter X of the Indian Constitution. So this is one of the most important Fundamental Rights of the people of India and the Pressmen and I therefore welcome and support this Bill.

Regarding the freedom of the Press and censorship you have done a very good thing. This is one of the good things you have done, but there are so many kinds of newspapers being run by many kinds of people in India. There are certain papers which were started only with the intention of getting newspaper quotas or quotas of tons of white paper. They have started newspapers, which are called yellow papers only for this purpose. Those papers which have been started with the ulterior motive of getting newsprint quota should not be encouraged by the Government by giving advertisement or quota. So many papers have committed default in

[Shri K. Mayathenar]

running the papers. Those papers could not be encouraged by the Government.

15.00 hrs

There are certain other kinds of papers which are started only for blackmailing certain Ministers, certain political parties, certain leaders of the State, certain leaders of the country. These papers are started only to blackmail certain Ministers and thereby gain something wrongfully. Such papers which are indulging in blackmailing and all other yellow papers should not be allowed to continue. Such papers are there in Tamil Nadu and various other parts of the country. These papers have a criminal motive, a preplanned motive, they are blackmailing certain Ministers of the past. No wonder, those papers are likely to blackmail this new Government and the new Ministers also. Therefore all these yellow papers should be very seriously looked into by the new Government and such yellow papers should not be given any advertisement by the Government of India or the State Governments.

We cannot give an absolute right for publication in the newspapers of the news in India and throughout the world. There should be reasonable restrictions on news publication. Giving an absolute right without any reasonable restrictions will only create chaos and confusion in the minds of all political parties including the Janata Party which is presently ruling the country. Therefore I warn the Government to be very careful about these kinds of newspapers and the activities by those proprietors of the papers.

I request the Government to nationalise certain monopolistic newspapers which are having crores of rupees of black money. This black money is dumped into the newspapers and is converted into white money.

These monopolistic newspapers are run not for the sake of giving news to the public, to the masses of India but only with the objective of making profits and robbing the public of their money. Such monopolistic papers are always supporting capitalistic views, they are not supporting the progressive policies but are supporting only the capitalistic or aristocratic views. Such papers should not be encouraged by the Government.

There are no safeguards for the chief editors, editors, sub-editors and other staff and workers, working in the newspapers. These people are working day and night. They should not be arrested suddenly under section 500 of the IPC for defamatory publication. Even for non-cognizable offences the chief editors, editors and other staff are arrested by the police and prosecuted. There should not be any such arrest all of a sudden, without a proper notice being issued to the chief editor or the Managing Director or those who are responsible for such publication. Without giving such notice there should not be unexpected and sudden arrests of editors or sub-editors or other staff or any worker. It is my duty to bring these things to the notice of the new Government with the hope that they will consider and implement my suggestions.

I would suggest that the employees of all the newspapers like labourers, sub-editors, editors, reporters and others should be protected with all rights and privileges equivalent to the rights and privileges of the employees of the State and Central Governments. There are a number of newspapers owned by private management. They throw out their employees at their whims and fancies and they are in the streets. They do not have money even to go to the labour court. Being a practising lawyer in Madras I know this. So many editors were dismissed but they could not afford to fight against the monopolistic papers. I would, therefore, request that

you must guarantee their jobs and equate them with the employees of the State Governments and Central Government

Finally I would request the hon Minister of Information and Broadcasting the Prime Minister and the Central Government run by the Janata Party, that there should not be any discrimination in matters of giving advertisement to the various newspapers I request specifically that there should not be any discrimination between newspapers supporting the ruling party and the newspapers supporting the Opposition parties

We welcome this Bill. We have been supporting and we will continue to support good and progressive policies of the Government. We support this Bill wholeheartedly as I said we are sure the State Governments and the Central Government would give advertisements to all the newspapers without any discrimination. Article 14 of the Constitution says that there would be equality and equal protection of law not only to all citizens but also to all newspapers. That protection should be extended to newspapers run by the Opposition parties in any part of India including Tamil Nadu.

With these words I support this Bill.

डा० रामजी सिंह (भागलपुर) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आज से दो वर्ष पूर्व, कलकत्ता, मद्रास, के सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ने जब यह बिल सदन में प्रस्तुत किया था तो उनके सामने बहुत से लोगो ने बहुत तरह की बातें कही थी। उस समय उन्होंने यह दावा किया था कि अगर यह बिल नहीं लाया जाएगा तो देश में जनतंत्र समाप्त हो जाएगा। वे यह कहते थे कि प्रेस वाले आपत्तिजनक बातें लिखते हैं इसीलिए उनके ऊपर नियंत्रण होना चाहिए। लेकिन जब यह प्रश्न उनसे पूछा गया कि किसी प्रेस

की स्वतन्त्रता पर नियंत्रण करने का माप-दण्ड क्या होगा और कौन व्यक्ति यह निर्णय करेगा कि यह आपत्तिजनक है या नहीं तो उनके सामने कोई उत्तर नहीं था।

केवल यह कहा गया था कि कोई जिला कनेक्टर या उसके सनकण रैक वाला अफसर करेगा। इसका अर्थ सचमुच में यह होता है कि हमारी स्वतन्त्रता का, प्रेस की स्वतन्त्रता का नियमन और नियंत्रण एक दृष्टि में एक छोटा सा अफसर करेगा। लेकिन आज कितनी बड़ी बात की जा रही है। आज हम बड़ी खुशी हैं कि यह जो प्रेस की स्वतन्त्रता का बिल मंत्री महोदय ने पेश किया है इसमें सभी ओर से स्वागत और समर्थन दिया जा रहा है। अगर प्रेस स्वतन्त्र रहता है और उसको स्वतन्त्र रहना चाहिए तो मैं नहीं समझता हूँ कि इसका विरोध होना चाहिए। अगर य लोग सब स्वतन्त्र होते तो उस समय भी उस बिल का हंगामा समर्थन नहीं करने जैसा प्रेस पर पाबन्दी लगाई गई है। यह बहुत बड़ी बात है। उस समय कहा गया था

This is delegation of responsibility

यह कहा गया था कि हम तो यह उत्तरदायित्व दूसरों को सौंप रहे हैं। लेकिन सचमुच में यह उत्तरदायित्व किसी पर सौंपना नहीं था बल्कि उत्तरदायित्व का ही अन्त करना था।

This is not delegation of responsibility but abrogation of responsibility

हमारे यहाँ छाने छाने पर्चे भी छरते हैं। जब इनकी चर्चा की गई तब तुरन्त हमारे माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि यहाँ यलो जल लिग्म की बात है। लेकिन जब प्रेस के लोगो ने आचार संहिता बना ली थी तो क्या बजह थी कि कानून की यह तलवार उन पर लटकाए रखी गई थी? मैं समझता

[डा० रामजी सिंह]

हू कि इस तरह के कानून को रखना उनके अन्दर भय वा सत्कार करना था। उस भय के वातावरण में आदमी सचमुच में जनतंत्र की कीमत समझ नहीं सकता है। भय और जनतंत्र परस्पर विरोधी बातें हैं। वे दिन समाप्त हो चुके हैं जब हम किसी एक नेता की बात में हा में हा मिलाया करते थे।

We do not want to follow that "leader concept" now either on that side or on this side

में समझता हू कि सचमुच में भारत में एक नए गणतंत्र की स्थापना हुई है। इस नए गणतंत्र में भय वा कोई वातावरण नहीं है।

सत्ताशालीन प्रसारण मंत्री ने जब यह बिल पेश किया था तो कहा था कि चक्रवर्ती राजगोपालाचारी भी इस तरह का विन लाये थे। लेकिन उनको मालूम होना चाहिए कि ऐसा कह कर उन्होंने राजाजी के साथ ग्याय नहीं किया। उनको राजाजी का नाम मन में भी तब सकोच नहीं हुआ था, इसको देख कर दुःख होता है। राजाजी तो अभिव्यक्ति की स्वतन्त्रता, प्रेस की स्वतन्त्रता के हिमायती रहे हैं। जब उन्होंने ऐसा कहा तो लगता था कि डैविल स्क्रिचर्स कोट कर रहा है। सच बात तो यह है कि वह जो प्रेस के ऊपर उन्होंने पाबन्दी लगाई वह पाबन्दी उमरी प्रकार की थी जिस प्रकार की ब्रिटिश सरकार ने बहुत पहले अपने राज्यकाल में लगाई थी और बिल जैजिस्लेटिव असम्बली में पेश किया था। उस समय अंग्रेजों ने जो बिल पेश किया था और जो विचार व्यक्त किए थे सगभय वही विचार और वही शब्द कांग्रेसी प्रसारण मंत्री ने व्यक्त किए। दोनों के उद्देश्यों में बहुत कुछ समानता है। ब्रिटिश काल में जब

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SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur) Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, it was expected that the Leader of the Opposition would have been here to undo the wrong that had been committed during the period of emergency. The Leader of the Opposition was given the faculty yesterday to broadcast over the All India Radio. The whole atmosphere of the country has changed and we must congratulate the Government for having come out so soon to remove this monstrosity on the statute book which has defiled not only the precincts of the House but the Constitution of India by incorporating this black Act into the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. I am glad that the Government has come forward to redeem the pledge given to the people. The previous Government kept itself propped up by calculated misuse of constitutional provisions, took recourse to repressive laws which reached the pinnacle of infamy, when they brought the package of legislation for abolition of the Press Council, the Parliamentary Publication Bill, they nullified the Feroze Gandhi Act and they brought in this Act which we are repealing now. They wanted to avoid all scrutiny of their actions—scrutiny by Parliament, scrutiny by Press and scrutiny by the courts. They declared a war on the people of the country. They declared a war on their political opponents. All this flowed from an attitude of infallibility. They thought that they could never go wrong. They thought that they were the masters of the people and not the people the masters. That was the attitude displayed by the Bill which we are repealing today.

We are glad that the Congress Party has today realised the mistake which they have committed. Today they are giving their unflinching support to the repealing Bill. It is really strange that they had mortgaged their conscience then. If they had felt that the law should not have been there they ought to have mustered the courage to speak against it, and not just to toe the line of one-and-a-half persons ruling the country at that time. The people have thrown out those people responsible for this outrage on the freedom of the press and on the freedom of speech. The people have thrown them out as garbage into the dust bin of history. This will be a lesson to everybody. It shows to all that the people's voice cannot be silenced for ever.

Sir Mr V. C. Shukla whom we now hear or find in the papers to be one of those belonging to the Sanjay Caucus a new expression, when he piloted the Bill last time, which we are repealing to-day said that the Bill was meant to fortify those people who believe in discipline. The previous Government was saying that they were the sole repository of self discipline. What did they do during the 20 months of this discredited emergency? They had discarded all norms of propriety, they committed gross acts of indiscipline by outraging the Constitution by annihilating all freedom by muzzling all expression of public opinion. Sir, I feel that no disciplined Government could have carried on with these series of acts of impropriety, both constitutional and public, which they had done. At that time they were talking and giving lectures to us on discipline or sense of discipline.

Also, Sir what Mr Shukla then said was this. I believe the lesson has been learnt—I do not know whether it has been learnt or not. He said

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Having muzzled the voice of the people having taken away the right of personal liberty having banned all the meetings and processions and having gagged the press, freedom of the speech and having kept Members of Parliament in detention for an indefinite period, having let loose the reign of terror in this country they wanted to continue with their hegemony over the people with their perverted notions of discipline which was sought to be adumbrated in the law which was enacted on those days and which was used against the Opposition.

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the object with which they came forward with the Bill with the concept of objectionable matter. I am sure you are all aware of what was meant by objectionable matter. They have said that criticism of any statement derogatory to the Prime Minister or the Speaker or the President would be treated as an objectionable matter. I believe that the real objective was to protect the Prime Minister and the Speaker and the President were brought in to give company to the Prime Minister. It is obvious. The real objective was to put a particular person above all law. Nobody can even criticise and even honest criticism would not be permitted. Today what we see is this. The Congress people were kept out of the mainstream of the people's reactions, people's views and that is why they could not realise what the people were really thinking.

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श्री शार० एल० पी० वर्मा (कोडरमा) :

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दूसरी बात कि कभी कभी प्रेस में बहुत सी सेंसरशिप पाबन्दीया इस तरह की होती हैं जो नागरिक जीवन या सामाजिक जीवन अधिक जीवन पर किसी तरह का आघेप होना है, वह जरूरी होना है समाज के लिए तो वैसी परिस्थिति में वैसी पाबन्दी नहीं लगनी चाहिए।

SHRI S. KUNDU (Balasore) Sir I rise to support the Bill which has been introduced to repeal one of the

most Draconian laws we have ever seen. Gandhiji gave us freedom and also freedom of speech. I am astonished that those who have been singing the songs of Gandhiji and preaching what he taught to the nation have themselves been the authors of this black law. We were in jail when this law was enacted by this Parliament. We were simply horrified when we came to know about it. If anybody has a cursory glance at the provisions of this Act he will wonder what has happened to the country. Anybody could be got and his press and other property could be forfeited in the name of security. Not only the editor but the owner, the keeper and everybody could be hauled up. Earlier the law had given some advantage that at least the aggrieved party could go before a judicial magistrate. But in this law which we are going to repeal, the entire jurisdiction was taken over by an officer who will be appointed by the Government. Under this law anybody can file a prosecution before that officer and that officer will come and pounce upon the press. If the ruling party wants to harass its opponent even this thing could be done through a constable. I thank the hon' Minister that he has brought this Bill to repeal this Act.

I remember long ago in the British days when Lord Lytton was the Viceroy in 1889 he had passed an Act called Vernacular Press Act. At that time Tagore was a young boy and he was writing poems eulogising the national cause of independence. That was not tolerated by the Viceroy and he passed the Act. That was a very obnoxious Act whereunder the proof of the matter which was intended to be published would have to be examined by the Government. At that time there was so much of protest against this Act that after some years Lord Rippon was forced to withdraw that Act. From this we came to 1947 when we had our freedom. But after thirty years of our independence I

never imagined that there would be such a horrible Government which would pass an Act which would be much worse than Lord Lytton's And these very Members who were sitting on the Treasury benches at that time kept their mouth shut I think they have done the greatest harm to this country We live and work together may be there is a difference of opinion because of our party ideologies but we have taken oath to maintain the democratic norms in this country We have burnt the vessel of democracy, we have burnt the torch of democracy We want that this torch should be taken to dark areas around where there is no democracy where there is authoritarian Government. We should throw light on them so that democracy would also start functioning in those countries not by force but by our own action But unfortunately, in Gandhiji's country when many people were behind the bar these people were responsible to see that the entire light which the torch threw around was extinguished This is a great curse on the name of Gandhi and those who swear by the name of Gandhi

Today in the Question Hour, I have said that it is necessary that the world must know as to what had happened during this emergency and how the press was muzzled how its throat was throttled and why the press could not function independently In all these things, a full enquiry is necessary We will not live in comfort by saying that we have repealed this Act but we have to dig out all the earth that laid the basis for this draconian legislation Therefore I would say that the Minister should come forward and make an inquiry into the conduct of those persons who were responsible for muzzling the press and making the Information and Broadcasting Department an instrument of ugly propaganda Therefore I would again re-iterate the demand that the Minister will do a great service to the cause of democracy if he

agrees to institute an inquiry into the whole gamut and find out who are the people who were responsible for these things what was the object in doing it, whether they slowly and gradually wanted that this country should be completely turned for ever into a dictatorial country

Now the point is what should be the nature of the press We want a free press no doubt But we want the press to be vibrant and really free The press must project the hopes and aspirations of the teeming millions of our country We do not want that the press should speak about the rich of this country We also do not want that the press should be controlled and monopolised by a few big industrial houses We heard of course while we were in the jails that there was a big talk against the monopoly Press This is what the All India Radio said We used to hear that this monopolist Press did not give any publicity to Indira Gandhi government's good deeds or to the 20-point or 25-point programmes Indira's government came down with a heavy hand on the Press Within a period of 2 or 3 months we heard that the monopoly Press was given a good chit, and that they behaved in a nice way During these months the monopolists increased their assets, and particularly during the last budget they received many concessions During that period we heard that the monopoly Press was behaving better and that they had become good boys They got chits from the former Minister Mr Shukla and Mrs Indira Gandhi

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, do you know of such a horrible, naked and opportunist policy ever being pursued by any government? If we say that only Goebbels the propaganda minister of Hitler could have competed with this sort of propaganda we will be wrong Some friends are sorry that we are saying this. But tell us where and how we are wrong I thank our new Minister Mr Advani who

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also said that he will go into the entire gamut of monopoly holding of the Press. He said this in answer to a Question. As far as I know one of the largest circulated dailies in Japan Asahi Shimbun is run by a cooperative of working journalists. They are people who work in that firm. We have to consider whether it would be possible in India to try to have the co-operative sector taking the working journalists and the people who work in the press. If it could be done we will make another big advance in maintaining the freedom of the press from the power and influence of the monopolists who are now ruling supreme. I hope the Minister will give the assurance that he will take quick steps in this direction.

Finally a word about the small newspapers. The small newspapers and periodicals are in a very miserable stage. If we want to maintain the freedom of the press we must see that the freedom is really exercised. If we do not give some advantages to the small newspapers and periodicals which are spread over the small cities and villages of this country this freedom would not be really meaningful. I am not going into the details as to how and where it should be done because there are various aspects which should be taken into consideration.

Lastly I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Chirayin Kil) Mr Deputy Speaker Sir at the outset I must admit that I was a member of the Lok Sabha and I was a party to the passing of this Bill. I have no hesitation to admit that this Bill was not necessary.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE (Bargalore South) So you were wrong in supporting it?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I am glad the hon. Minister Shri Advani has

come forward with this Bill to repeal the old Act.

There has been so much talk about the freedom of the press. This House has debated this question any number of times. Whose freedom do we mean by the freedom of the press? Is it the freedom of the owner of the newspaper to express his view?

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[SHRI S. D. PATIL in the Chair]

SHRI K. S. HEGDE Was it the freedom of Mr Verghese or the freedom of Mr Birla?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI Neither the freedom of Mr Verghese nor the freedom of Mr Birla. The aspirations of the people have to be expressed through the newspapers. It has to be in the vanguard of democracy.

PROF. DILIP CHAKRAVARTY (Calcutta South) How do you defend the arrest of journalists?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I am not defending it. At the same time I am proud to be a Congressman. There is no doubt about it.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE He is unbending himself.

PROF. DILIP CHAKRAVARTY Perhaps not the same Congress as was led by Mrs Gandhi.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I know his sojourn there will not be long. I have no doubt that he will come to this side one day. His honeymoon is only temporary; it is only a sojourn. I am very sorry for him. (Interruptions) That party had to compromise on so many things. They could not send even a single member here from my State for the first time. Even the seat of the veteran freedom fighter Shri A. K. Gopalan had been captured by the Congress.

AN HON MEMBER What about UP?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI We are aware of it. That is why we are sitting on this side. But why do you say we have lost? Why are you so afraid of us even today?

I know that fear is there in your mind that you will be overthrown. I have no doubt about it. You criticised our mistakes. Please try to do right things. Please do not try to come to this side.

As far as Birla papers are concerned they abused the Congress Government and asked the Press to abuse the Congress Government during elections. There should be freedom of the Press and not for owners of the Press. We should give more freedom to the people who are working there. In this connection I would request the hon Minister to consider the participation of the employees, workers and the journalists in the newspapers. They must have a big say in the ownership and management of the newspapers. You give a little more freedom to the Press. Otherwise they would always be under the control of the management. We have not done it, we have not done so many other things. I am not standing here to say this thing or that thing. If my conscience says I will definitely admit what my party has done or what my party has not done.

SHRI K S HEDGE What did your conscience say at that time? (Interruptions)

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI Your conscience made you to resign from the judgeship and fight elections even though there were allegations. He used his position to conspire against the Prime Minister. Fortunately he has been elected as Member of Parliament. (Interruptions) Please do not interrupt me. I know what you were. I know your past history.

AN HON MEMBER Do not get angry

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I am not becoming angry. Do not think that everything is all right. I can speak for hours together regarding S.V.D. Government in 1967 including Mr Charan Singh and others who were in UP and M.P. I can speak about it but I do not want because I know that they are in power we are not in power. We could not fulfil the promises made to the people or we have made mistakes. Why are you afraid of this today?

This Act had infringed the freedom of the Press and curbed the freedom of the journalists to write whatever they felt to write. I agree with it. But at the same time I hope the Minister will request the journalists of the newspapers that they should play a responsible role in democracy. I will be happy if they criticise the Government and the Opposition but that criticism of the Government and the Opposition should be constructive. That purpose has to be achieved. Even though this Bill is a repealing one I hope the hon. Minister and the present Government will be able to achieve that objective as to make the journalists and the newspaper industry more responsible and to make constructive criticism on the activities of the Government and their machinery.

Regarding the policy announcement made by the hon Minister today morning during the Question Hour that his Ministry will encourage the medium and small newspapers and that the advertisements and other things will be given in such a manner to help the regional or the vernacular newspapers, I believe the previous Government also followed the same policy. I would say that the Government should have a thorough look into the matter and also see at the same time that the newspapers do not begin to make money. There is a tendency in big cities and in certain areas to

[Shri Vajalar Ravi]

evening news daily with a circulation of 500 or 1000 copies get newspaper quota and sell it thereby making a lot of money. This is a very bad practice. It is still continuing in different parts of the country. The Government should not encourage such a tendency in the journalistic world.

Lastly, I would appeal to the Government to have a look into another matter. There was an attempt made by the previous Government to diffuse ownership of newspapers. There was a proposal by the previous Government but I admit, that it was shelved for two or three years. I hope, the hon. Minister Mr. Advani will have a fresh look into the matter of diffusion of ownership of newspapers. If he can bring forward such a measure, it will be a credit to him. I hope, he will do it.

With these words, I support the Bill.

श्री उपसेन (देरिया) : क्वत्त इसवे किं मैं इस विधेयक पर अपनी कुछ राय जाहिर करूं मैं मंत्री महोदय का शुक्रिया अदा करना चाहता हूँ, उन को बधाई देना चाहता हूँ कि उन्होंने जनतंत्र की जड़ों को मजबूत करने के लिए इस बिल को यहाँ रखा है। विगत 19 महीनों में जनतंत्र की जो कठिनाई टूट गई थी उनको ऐसा करके उन्होंने फिर से जोड़ने का काम किया है।

मैं अपने लायक दोस्तों की बातों को सुन रहा था, डी० एम० के० के माननीय सदस्य की बात को सुन रहा था। जब मैं जेल में था तब हम वहाँ मुसायरा किया करते थे। वहाँ पढ़ा गया एक शेर मुझे याद आ गया है और उस शेर को मैं आपसे

जरिए अपने लायक दोस्तों को मुनाना चाहता हूँ।

“जो भी भजाम हो भजाम की परवाह नहीं

हाथ पट्टा तो सितमण्ड के गेरवा के करीब।”

मैं समझता हूँ कि इतनी बड़ी बात नहीं है जिसके बारे में हमारे घन्टा डी एम के के दोस्त सारा एक्टिव, सारा मार्क्सिज्म का क्लासिक्स निकाल कर यहाँ रख दें। मुझे अपनी इस छोटी सी जिन्दगी में समाचारपत्रों के प्रमुख लोगों से मिलने का मौक़ मिलता। राम्बे त्रानिवाल के मि० देहलवी, श्री, प्रेस जनरल के श्री सदानन्द, नेशनल हेराल्ड के श्री चलपति-राव भादि एडीटरों को मिलने का मुझे सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ है। मुझे मालूम है कि नेशनल हेराल्ड के एडीटर जब उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार के खिलाफ कुछ छापते थे तो वहाँ के मुख्य मंत्री नाराज हो जाते थे। वहाँ के कांग्रेसी लोग कहते हैं अखबार को तो पड़ित जवाहर लाल नेहरू ने बनाया था 1936 में और इसने एडीटर चलपति राव को कैद निकाला जा सकता है। लेकिन अब आप देखें कि इन पिछले 19 महीनों में क्या क्या अखबारों में छप कर निकला करता था। मैं तो मीठा के अन्तर्गत बन्द था, प्रिजनर था, जेल में था, देरिया से बरेली मुझे ले जाया गया, मुझे कुछ पढ़ने को भी नहीं मिलता था। जलर साहब से कहता था कि अखबार दें और जो भी

अखबार दिए जाते थे उन में प्रधान मंत्री श्रीमती इंदिरा नेहरू गांधी की बात छपनी थी या फिर मुखराज की छपती थी और कभी कभी बहमा साहब की बात छप जाया करती थी। मैं अन्ना डी एम के के साथियों से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यही वे पढ़ना चाहते थे और जो दूसरे लोग पढ़ना चाहते थे या कहा करते थे, उनकी बात को वे पढ़ना नहीं चाहते थे? क्या इसी तरह की आजादी वे चाहते थे? सरकार ने इस दौरान अखबारों की आजादी का कुत्तने की हर तरह से कोशिश की, उनका गला घोटने की कोशिश की। यह कोशिश कहा से की जाती थी और कौन व्यक्ति इसने लिए जिम्मेदार थे? इशारा तो नम्बर 1 सफदरजंग रोड से हुआ करता था क्योंकि सभी नहरे और नदियां वहां से चलती थी, मगर इस के लिए दो लोग जिम्मेदार थे—एक श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल और दूसरे मोहम्मद युनुस। “बड़े मिया सो बड़े मिया, छोटे मिया मुवाहनअल्ला।” सारी दुनिया में युनुस साहब घूमते थे। नान-एलाइन्ड प्रेस ब्यूरो का बैठक काहिरा में हो रही है और वहां वह भाषण कर रहे हैं कि प्रेस को डिसिप्लिन्ड होता चाहिए। मुझे पता नहीं कभी उन्होंने समाचार पत्रों में काम किया है कि नहीं। मैंने तो काम किया है और मैं कहता हूँ कि अगर समाचार पत्रों की आजादी जो छीन ली गई थी अगर उस आजादी को न दिया जाता तो देश का पता नहीं क्या होता। हम लोगों को जेल में यहां के अखबार नहीं मिलते थे, मगर बाहर के अखबार हमारे पास आ जाते थे। एक अखबार लन्दन से लाला हरदयाल सिंह निकालते थे “स्वराज्य” उस अखबार को पुन हमारे साथियों ने लन्दन से निकालना शुरू कर दिया था, जब वह हमारे पास आता था तब हमको लखनऊ, पटना और

दिल्ली की खबरें मालूम होती थी। देहात में तो लोग कहते थे कि बी० बी० सी० सुनों और सुनते भी थे क्योंकि आवाजवाणी इन्दिरावाणी हो गया था।

16 00 hrs

तो मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि यह जरूर है कि अगर लोकतन्त्र हम चाहते हैं तो प्रेस को आजादी देनी पड़ेगी। प्रेस की आजादी को आपको अक्षुण्ण रखना पड़ेगा, इसमें दो राय नहीं हो सकती है। हमारे मित्र ने मोनोपली हाउसेज की बात कही। मैं तो समाजवादी हूँ और मोनोपली हाउसेज के बहुत खिलाफ हूँ। 40 वर्ष तक हम इस के खिलाफ लड़ते रहे। मगर उन के यहां जो एडीटर काम करते हैं, श्री कुलदीप नायर या श्री बरधोज, वह तो नैपिटलिस्ट नहीं हैं। कुलदीप नायर को भी पिछली सरकार ने मौसा में बन्द कर रखा था और श्री बरधोज को इन्दिरा जी ने बंद करने से बिडला जी ने निवाह दिया था। अगर उनको आजादी होती या वह उससे खिलाफ अपनी कलम से लिख सकते थे। मगर ऐसा नहीं कर सके। हमारे कम्युनिस्ट भाइयों के नेता श्री लेनिन भी मजदूरों के नेता थे जिन्होंने ‘इसकारा’ नाम का पक्ष निकाला था जो बाद में चलकर “प्रावदा” कहलाया। प्रावदा का मतलब होता है सच्चाई। सच्चाई को आवाज अगर इस में लेनिन उठा सकता था तो यहां के पत्रकार क्यों नहीं सच्चाई को आवाज उठा सकते हैं? उस सच्चाई को पूंजीपतियों का हवा खंड, करों देवाया नहीं जा सकता है।

हमारे लायक दोस्त ने कहा कि जापान में दो बड़े पत्र हैं—“आसाही” और “शिम्बून” जिन का प्रबन्ध वहां के कर्मचारियों की सहकारी समिति करती है। अगर उस तरह की व्यवस्था आप

[श्री उपवेन]

यहां भी लागू करेंगे तो हम भाप के भाप होंगे। भाप इस बारे में दिन रातें हम उसका खुनखर समर्थन करेंगे। रिटर्नी सरकार ने जो कानून बना दिया था उस को हटा कर के भाज प्रेम भाजद ठुप्पा है ताकि सही बातें उनमें छें। मंत्रिमंडल को अपना सम्पादकीय निबन्धों को भाजदारी हो, इसमें भाप हमारा साथ दें ऐसी मेरी प्रार्थना है। इस विधेयन की हमारे बहुत से विरोध पक्ष के सापिणों ने तार्किक की है यह खुशी की बात है।

16 03 hrs

[SHRI TRIBIB CHAUDHARY in the Chair]

समापति महोदय, हमारे यहां दो भाषाओं के न्यूज मीडिया थे, एक यू० एन० आई० और दूसरा पी० टी० आई० और इसी तरह दो हिन्दी के न्यूज मीडिया थे—समाचार भारती और हिन्दुस्तान समाचार। इमरजेंसी में जो कांग्रेस सरकार ने सब से बड़ा पाप किया सारी सत्ता इन के हाथ में घाने हो वह यह कि इन चारों न्यूज एजेंसीज को मिला कर के एक कर दिया और एक कर के जो समाचार एजेंसीज के बड़े बड़े सम्पन्नता थे यू० एन० आई० और पी० टी० आई० के सम्पत्तियों को बड़े बड़े पद दे दिए गए। लेकिन जिनने छोटे छोटे कर्मचारी थे यू० एन० आई० और पी० टी० आई० के उन का कल्ले-घाम किया गया। मेरे पास उनके प्रस्ताव है उन्होंने अपना सरकार का स्वागत किया है। कांग्रेस सरकार ने उन छोटे कर्मचारियों को इस तरह परेगान किया कि जो हिन्दी जानते थे उनको हैदराबाद भेज दिया कि वहां जा कर उर्दू में समाचार लिखें। जो उर्दू जानते थे और समुदाय में थे, उनको पटना भेज दिया गया और वहां गया कि हिन्दी में लिखें। कहीं कुछ देखा नहीं गया कि कच्चे कहां

हैं। जो पी० टी० आई० आई० सम्पन्नता में थे, बड़े पदों पर थे, शहरों को टिपोट किया करते थे, उनको आगरा भेज दिया गया। उनको पाम पूरा अधिकार था कि दुनिया में घूम घूम कर प्रेम की आजादी की बात करते थे, प्रेम को टिप्पिनन लिखाते थे। मैं चाहता हू कि दम प्रवृत्ति से भागे बच कर जब उसने लिए कोई कानून या विधेयन इस सदन में लायें तो पूरे परम्परापर पर विचार कर काम करें।

मैं यह भी कहना चाहता हू कि यहां पूजावाद का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है, प्रेम गुलाम हो गया था, लोभान्द्र दमन में था, पिछड़े में था, जेल में था। हन सोय अगर भीता में जेल में प्रीजनर थे, तो प्रेम की आजादी भी ज्यादा बदतर हालत में थी। माननीय मंत्री जो ने प्रेम की आजादी को रखा किया है जो कि जेलों में बन्द थी, सात जिले में बन्द थी। वह हमारे मुनिया और यहाँ के पात्र है।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं इस विधेयक का समर्थन करता हू।

PROF P G MAVALANKAR

(Gandhinagar) Sir, I am very happy that this short and significant Bill has come in this very first, the inaugural session of the new Sixth Lok Sabha. I am also very happy that this Bill is being piloted by my esteemed friend, Shri L. K. Advani, who, with his clear headed and level-headed approach, not only has been piloting this Bill—and will be piloting the one which is to follow—but also has been piloting a new, bold and prompt policy of restoring everything in terms of processes of democracy. I would like to start by congratulating him and the Janata Government for taking these initiatives in the very early days and weeks of

their Government. I would also like to congratulate the Minister for this briefest Bill. Of course brevity is the soul of wit. But I wish that apart from being brief this Bill had also spelt out to some significant broad extent the manner in which Government would go about safeguarding as has been said in the Statement of Objects and Reasons the freedom of the press.

One of the major election promises has thus been honoured and this is being honoured within days of the election heat and fervour which are still not over. Normally election promises are never meant to be fulfilled not only in India but in many parts of the democratic world this has been the position. Therefore I would say with pleasure and pride that for the first time in India the election promises one after another are being fulfilled and honoured both in letter and in spirit. I feel very happy and proud as a citizen and as a Member of this hon. House to acknowledge this attitude of the new Government.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons very briefly and rightly says

Freedom of the press is necessary for the successful functioning of democratic institutions

I would go further and say that not only is it necessary but freedom of the press in a democracy is vital, crucial, decisive and indispensable. It was Thomas Jefferson one of the great American democrats of the world for all time to come who once when he was asked as to what he would choose between a government without a free press and a free press without a Government said that he would have no hesitation whatsoever in choosing the latter i.e. a free press without a government because according to him as long as there is an assurance of a free press to the people of his country, that is America, where free press was continuously and freely available to the people then the possibility of a free government is also there. But if there is a government without a free press,

then you will have neither a good government nor a free press. Therefore free press is vital to the functioning of a democracy. That is why, it is said that a free press is the fourth estate indeed free press is a part of a free democratic government. No democratic government no free government is complete without a free, vigorous critical press and press meaning both newspapers and periodicals and viewspapers.

Free comments and critical editorials in various newspapers, dailies, weeklies, bi-weeklies, monthlies and journals and periodicals are very essential. As the great editor of the then Manchester Guardian Mr. Scott said once "Facts are sacred but opinions are free." Let the people get all the facts in a free manner but let the opinions be respected as sacred properties of those who write and comment upon those facts and therefore these comments must be available. I am glad that Advanji and the Janata Party are saying that they want to learn from the criticism of the free press because it is only a free press which makes it possible for the Government to learn. Prof. Harald Laski said that a Government always learns more from the criticism of its opponents than from the eulogy of its supporters. Therefore it is very essential!

Now Sir I am not surprised that my good friend Shri Vayalar Ravi is today supporting this Bill and many others from the Congress side who are now in the opposition. If they not supported his Bill how would they find their opposition to the Janata Party expressed in the newspapers? They cannot say today that they have any conscience because if they had it they surely put their conscience in the refrigerator box during the Emergency! If really they have the conscience they should have had the guts to speak out then, if not on the floor of this House at least in the ruling Congress Parliamentary Party as it existed then. But I am not surprised at what Shri Vayalar Ravi says now because

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even the Cabinet Ministers were not informed about the declaration of internal emergency at that time and so how can they inform Shri Vajalar Ravi about the intentions of the Government with regard to free press?

I also want to say that the very title of the old Bill Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Bill was objectionable. After all what is really objectionable? How do we define that this is objectionable and this is not objectionable? For example if the Prime Minister is criticised in terms of the policy of the Prime Minister or if the Government is criticised in terms of the policy of the Government is it objectionable? The very purpose of the free press the free Parliament and the free people is to see that the Government is kept on its toes the establishment is kept continuously on the watch and they are taught told corrected and challenged whenever they go wrong. So, it is good that this Bill is now called Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter (Repeal) Bill.

Sir I want to conclude by saying three more things. One is that the former Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri V C Shukla a very good looking man, and very affectionate in many ways, did many evil things in a most arbitrary and cavalier fashion and he was doing it as a kind of a command performance at the behest of his Prime Minister and also of his other young boss and adviser who was neither in the Cabinet nor in the Parliament! I want to go on record that the former Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri V C Shukla dealt with free press and press men of this great country in a most shabby manner, and it should be examined if there was any possibility of bringing him to book if not through Parliament or through a Commission, at least through vigilant and vibrant

public opinion so that such a man will have no place whatever not only in Parliament but in the public life of this country. After all they were dealing with the people and they were having a sacred duty of informing the people of what was happening and they had to ensure all the time that what ever had been told in the House did not always go to the outside world. If what we say in this House is not reported to the country at large and the world at large why are we here? We are not here sitting standing and talking in our private homes indeed, we are talking as elected representatives of a great nation whose right is to know what we say and it is our duty to tell them what we say here. It is only through the media of the press that all this goes to the people and, therefore the press gallery in any democracy in any free Parliament is an indispensable and absolutely vital part of the institutions of parliamentary machinery and democracy. I want to say further that Shri V C Shukla was responsible for not only shabbily treating the press and the press men not only humiliating them trying to humble them with all the bad and blanket powers that he and his Government enjoyed at that time but he also tried to mislead this House by saying that Samachar was voluntary union about by a kind of voluntary union.

I would like Mr Advani to clarify this point whether Samachar was a voluntary union or a forced union whether the "Press Trust of India" and the "United News of India" and "Samachar Bharati" and "Hindustan Samachar" were really willing and enthusiastic for a merger. If they were really willing why not the UNI and PTI and other agencies let us know about it? But it was the Minister under the cloak of emergency and under a terrible unprecedented and most disastrous and bad censorship the world has ever seen—even Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy did not see the kind of censorship which Mr Vidya Charan Shukla tried to

impose—brought it about. I want to go on record that Samachar was not a voluntary union and Mr Vidya Charan Shukla told this House this hon. House the Fifth Lok Sabha that it was a voluntary union. I want to know from you Sir if some kind of a privilege motion cannot be brought against the former Minister for misleading the House and telling falsehood that this was a voluntary union.

Freedom of the Press in this country has had a glorious record not only after Independence but even before Independence. If only I had some more time I would have dealt with it in detail. But I will only give two names. Lokamanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak started Kesari in Marathi and Mahratta in English and Mahatma Gandhi started The Young India, Navjivan, Harijan, Harijan Sevak and Harijan Bandhu in Gujarati. All these and several other papers had a glorious tradition of a free press in pre-Independence India and that tradition had been continued in post-Independence era by pressmen from various corners of this country both the English and the language Press in this country, and I want to take this occasion to pay my tribute to the pressmen, the reporters, the editors, the commentators and the columnists of this country of both the English and the language press who even after Independence and much more so during the Emergency carried the battle further and did not bow down. They would rather break but not bend. I do not want to be partial. If I had more time I would have given all the names. But I would like to refer to a few names here. Papers like the Indan Express, Opinion of Shri A D Gorvala Seminar, Himat Sadhana in Marathi and Sadhana in Gujarati and if I may say with all humility the Gujarati Weekly Nirmalshak of which I have the honour of being one of the editors did their very best in seeing that even during the emergency the freedom of the Press was not allowed to be suppressed. If my esteemed friends on the Government

benches today had some news in the jails it was because some of us tried to see that they were properly fed and at right time.

May I conclude by saying that the Statement of Object, and Reasons says, 'With a view to safeguarding the freedom of Press this Bill seeks to repeal'. May I request in conclusion my esteemed friend Shri Advani and the government that they will do everything possible to ensure the freedom of the press not only through governmental institutions—I do not want to anticipate what the Minister is going to say—for I believe freedom of press is not a thing the government alone can do much about. Government can of course do it by not interfering with it. But apart from the government's own non-interference in the matter of freedom of the Press what we want is the development of a critical free and vigorous public opinion in this country in this Parliament in the legislatures right from the Panchayats and onwards to the Parliament where the people's representatives can talk freely and fearlessly and even if they are supporters of the government they will not mind telling the truth when the need of the hour is to tell the truth. If that is done then I am quite sure that this Bill which is a repeal of the earlier ugly law will be a first and a major step and it will be in the right direction of ensuring freedom of the Press for a free people, a democratic people and a decent people because it is only when a free people get facts and opinions and comments freely and continuously that all is safe for democracy and a democratic republic.

SHRI C M STEPHEN (Tamil)
 When I am rising to speak let me make it clear that as may be expected by some of my friends on this side or that I am not in a mood to say that all that was done was bad.

I have nothing against the Bill that has been brought forward by Mr

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Advani: This is as it should have been because the Bill which we are now seeking to repeal should be seen in the proper perspective the perspective being that the Bill was enacted in the context of the emergency proclamation.

I have stated why the emergency proclamation was necessitated when I spoke on the President's Address. I don't want to go over the entire gamut once again. Whether the proclamation was correct or not in all aspects of implementation is a different matter. But I am very emphatic that the Presidential proclamation was in the national interest. That was necessitated because of the anti-democratic, lawbreaking anti-national violent activities of the opposition then. After the promulgation of the emergency, certain actions were to be taken curtailing among other things what I may call untrammelled freedom of publication. That was one of the actions which had to be taken and it was in that context that this Bill had been enacted. Let us not forget the fact that when we speak of the freedom of the Press, we speak not merely for freedom of working journalists, but we speak also for the freedom from the money-bags controlling the Press. They have been managing the press and their philosophy is that he who pays the piper will call the tune. But freedom of the press need not necessarily mean freedom of the intellectual to express his views. The freedom of the press under the conditions obtaining today in this country is more the freedom of the powerful elements to carry out certain propaganda they want to make against the national interest, and in their interest. It is a move against the conspiracy by what we call the reactionary elements in this country and

the Press which had been controlled by those reactionary elements would certainly have been put into use for the purpose of subverting and corroding what is sought to be achieved by the proclamation of emergency. It was in this context that this Act was enacted. I don't forget the fact that this was put in the Ninth Schedule. At that time members of both sides of the House protested against that sort of thing. The inclusion of the Bill in the Ninth Schedule did not go without protest. I am one of those who raised his voice of protest against it.

It is now my argument that this Bill was not intended to operate beyond the period of emergency. This Bill was a measure which was sought to subserve the interest of the emergency which was proclaimed. The situation envisaged to be met by this Bill would not have been met except by the enactment of this Bill which you are now seeking to repeal. Therefore when the emergency ends it stands to logic as far as I and many of my hon friends can see it, that as a corollary, this act which was promulgated by the then Government must go. That is what I wish to submit. When Mr Advani has brought forward this Bill the conditions are different. The Bill is as it should be and as it should have been. That is all what I want to say.

Having said that, I should emphasise that a clarity of thought is absolutely necessary as to what the freedom of expression and press is and should be. Let us look at it as is enshrined in our Constitution, that is about the freedom of speech and freedom of expression. Mr Hegde I hope, will agree with me that the freedom of expression and freedom of speech is not unconditional. I shall quote the relevant clause.

Clause (2) of Art 19 of the Constitution says—

“Nothing in sub-clause (a) of clause (1) shall affect the operation of any existing law, or prevent the State from making any law, in so far as such law imposes reasonable restrictions on the exercise of the right conferred by the said sub-clause in the interests of the security of the State friendly relations with foreign States public order, decency or morality or in relation to contempt of court defamation or incitement to an offence

Therefore the framers of our Constitution founding fathers of our Constitution granted the freedom and contemplated that that freedom should not go against the interests of the society, the interests of morality, of discipline etc How can these be achieved That has been a matter of anxious pursuit by the intellectuals by lovers of freedom and by socialists So the question has been how that golden mean can be struck and how the freedom of the press can be sustained on the one side and how provisions could be made on the other side to ensure that the freedom does not degenerate to what I may call a licence to the detriment of the interests of the country the sovereignty and integrity of the country or the morality decency and all the rest of it Measures were being taken from time to time and we have made certain provisions We attempted the method of voluntary goodwill and understanding and leaving that to the goodwill of the press and people Is it not, however a fact that looking back from the days of the promulgation of the Constitution to the present day there has been a degeneration in the matter of enjoying or exercising that freedom? Was that freedom exercised in a manner as most of us would like to have that exercised? Take the case of labour and the right of organisation granted

to the labour Sir I am a trade unionist But can we say that that freedom granted was really used in the interest of the whole nation or in the interest of the labour? I would say that that freedom was not used in a manner as it should be I do not want to enumerate further Everywhere the degeneration of that freedom was to the base level to a licence is what occurred Aristotle prophesied as to one type of Government will fall and another type will follow He said that when the freedom granted in a democracy degenerates into a licence then democracy becomes defunct and autocracy will take over This is what was sought to be done We had been sliding back to that The reply will come immediately that autocracy has already taken over under Congress Polemics apart, the fact remains that where freedom degenerates to a licence democracy will lose its vitality, its self sustaining vitality its integrated dynamism and the democratic fabric will get deformed and others will take that over This was a danger that we were running into Anyway these are not quite relevant The point I am emphasising was this The freedom of expression freedom of speech guaranteed by the fathers of our Constitution was and was to be subject to certain restrictions How a mean has to be struck is what I have been trying to find out In 1969 when we promulgated an Act—The Criminal and Election Laws Amendment Act 1969—certain sections were promulgated that we set up the Press Council machinery which should try to create a sort of code of conduct amongst the journalists Such action is necessary for the purpose of preventing or combating any activity prejudicial to the maintenance of communal harmony and affecting or likely to affect public order, may by order in writing addressed to the printer, publisher or editor, prohibit the printing or publication of any document etc,

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etc. It was done in 1969 much earlier than the promulgation of the emergency, where the Congress as such was not in complete majority and it was done with the consent of everybody. That Act, would show that there was an allround realisation of the need for restraints on the freedom of press and expression. The objectionable Act was another attempt in the same direction. As I said this Act was promulgated against the background of Emergency and as the Emergency has been lifted this should also go.

Mr Chairman, I would like to say that it is not as if arbitrary powers were given under that Act. One of the chapters in this Act is regarding prohibition of prejudicial publications. Then there is provision which I quote

"Any activity prejudicial to the interests of sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality;"

With respect to the above if anything happens then for two months period a direction could be given that that matter be not published or if it is published it could be kept back. Then we have a chapter regarding security from presses in certain cases

Sir there are two redeeming features. A notification demanding security is not the last word about it. That notification must come before the House. It will be before the House for 60 days and the House will have jurisdiction to cancel or amend the notification. The executive action is not the last word about it. This notification comes before the House under Section 16 of that Act has got power to modify amend or cancel the whole thing. Over and above that if a person is aggrieved by the order of security there is a

relief given to him. He can appeal to the High Court. It is not as if judiciary is kept away from the whole thing. The High Court is given full freedom either to amend, cancel or modify as to whatever they choose to do. Then there is another provision if literature is found to be prejudicial then there is power to detain packages containing certain publications when imported. In this case also there is provision for appeal to the High Court.

Mr Chairman, Sir, what I have said is that in our effort to strike balance between freedom on the one side and misuse of freedom on the other side a certain provision has been made more or less in line with the provision made in the Indian Penal Code. Certain provisions have been made and those provisions give certain authority to the government but the same has been made subject to the decision by the both Houses and also by the appellate authority of the High Court. It is not as if some arbitrary power has been given to some officer to operate as he chooses. All that has been done is done in the interests of the sovereignty of India, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency and morality. Then Sir, these provisions were enacted against the background of Emergency. As the Emergency goes this also goes.

Mr Chairman, I would like to emphasise that the problem is still not over. The Act may not be necessary in the judgement of the present government. I may also say so long as Congress is here on this side that sort of thing may not be necessary but what is the guarantee against what may be called 'yellow press'. Freedom of the Press and freedom of the intellectuals. Yes. Freedom of the journalists. Yes. Freedom of the persons who can think and write. Yes. But what about freedom of mighty money to control human thought and expression and to reduce intellectuals to

the status of quill-drivers Is it a freedom to be safeguarded—a freedom of the man who can command money, who can run chain newspapers in the country and pollute the thinking of the people? Is it a freedom to be safeguarded and what is the safety and the guarantee that that freedom will not be misused to the detriment of the people? This is the thing to which the Government has to address itself squarely By the repealing of this Act, the problem is not over That is what I emphasise By the repealing of this Act the problem is still at large It is the Government themselves who are the best judges as to whether the public interest can be best served by enlarging everybody's freedom It is for them to decide I have nothing more to say about it But as my friend Mr Rameshwara Rao pointed out here, the question of yellow journalism is before us Have we not seen how many innocent people have been the victims of this yellow journalism? What is the guarantee? You carry on yellow journalism against persons Character assassination is being carried out not necessarily of persons at top, but of anybody What is the guarantee against it? What is the safety against it? Should there not be safety? Murder of a person is certainly less cruel than the sort of character assassination which we find being practised in certain areas Is it not social menace? Is it, proper for us to cry out that the freedom of the press is throttled if provisions are made to manacle yellow journalism? Is that the freedom of the press? Freedom of the press, as I understand, is a freedom in consonance with the common weal If you put it to me, the people in this election have given a mandate to the Janta Party I for one, although I belong to the Opposition Party, will not agree that the Prime Minister of this country, Mr. Morarji Desai, so long as he enjoys the confidence of this House can be denigrated. I am not

prepared to agree that he can be denigrated A certain image of the Prime Minister has got to be projected and has got to be maintained. Carrying on vilification against him certainly cannot be justified although it might serve my political purpose. When the people have given a verdict, when the people have returned somebody when the people have given verdict for a particular policy, it is the duty of the mass media, of the press of the journalists and the writers of this country to see to a certain extent possible—I do not say to the fullest extent possible—that they write in honesty to their service, for the projection of the image that the people wanted them to project. If that has not happened, what is the solution? Can you say in the name of the freedom of the press you can undermine the country, undermine the people's verdict, undermine the image of the Prime Minister and President of India? Can you permit it?

I for one would say 'No, must not be permitted' That is my humble opinion. Therefore, what I am saying is, the proposition before us is not so simple as many of my friends like you think. It is like sugar quoted sort of shibboleth coming in handy But let us not deceive ourselves by believing that this is such a simple matter Mr Somnath Chatterjee, a lawyer, is here, Mr Hedge, the ex-Supreme Court Judge is here Many such cases came before him. They must have been taxing their brain to find out the golden mean between the freedom of press on the one hand and the misuse of the freedom on the other, the degeneration of the freedom to the level of a licence which will completely denigrate and demolish our democratic fabric The experiment that we are attempting in our country giving a fundamental right and putting certain restrictions is a very adventurous experiment.

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To make it a success a sort of forbearance is necessary balance is necessary a balanced outlook is necessary. Therefore in a pursuit to find a golden mean if somebody errs a little this side and if somebody errs a little that side let it not be characterised as criminal and as being draconian and black and a tyrannical sort of thing. If that erring takes place let us make an effort to find a golden mean. That is why I said that when I make my observation I stand not in a mood of apology for what we did but I do stand here defending what I did defending my support to the Bill as it then was because I was satisfied the Bill when it put certain conditions was not arbitrary it was not unchannelled undirected and it was not without control because it was made subject to the control of this House. This House could annul the notification which was made it was subject to judicial review because it was appealable to the High Court at every stage. In the conditions obtaining then the Bill was necessary and was supported. Now that emergency is over the problem is before the government as a corollary it must follow the Bill must be repealed. But repealing of the Bill will leave behind the problem of misuse of freedom in the interest of some people in favour of vested interests against the interest of the country. I hope Mr Advani with his original ideas will find a golden mean and balance.

My friend was speaking about Samachar. We know the whole history of it we know how PTI came in we know how UNI came in how we were given a desk in Reuter's office in London. Our national pride was not content with a desk in Reuter's office in London and we wanted our own Press media. So PTI came in and UNI came in. It was then certainly big money that was operating in the news media and the problem of safeguarding against that was there.

It was stipulated as a situation that more than one newspaper must be involved in order to launch out a news service. There are Press magnates here who have 100 papers under them and all those papers could come together under the news media thereby satisfying the stipulation and yet making it a one-man show. Thus the news media was under monopoly control and therefore I had to be merged and it was merged.

If there is need to put it under control, it can be done. But what do we find? You used mass media for your purpose. I do not say that Samachar alone was used Samachar was completely used radio was used television was used the Janata Party set the record in so using it. Your inaugural function at Ram Li a grounds the A to Z of it was put on the live wire. There was a live broadcast of that. What is the point in criticising? It may happen again it will happen it can happen. It is understandable that in the euphoria of victory things like that were done. I can understand that I hope that things will be corrected. Let us find a method to correct wrong things and have a national consensus and develop that.

With respect to Samachar I should plead let it not be disintegrated. Some people say that the move is not before the government. Still I say thus. Pooling of the employees has taken place different points of view are there. Those employees are happy that they are in a family. There is a dissident opinion about that for that dissident opinion there is another opinion. So this has come to stay and it must carry on. It is in the interest of the employees that they are not disintegrated. What ever benefit is available must be pooled and shared. Some sort of a control could be exercised. Therefore with respect to disintegration of Samachar I have got my own reservations. This thought occurred to me when I heard this. It is not

the final view After thinking it over some other thoughts may develop

My concluding word is this I support this Bill because this Bill is the corollary to the conclusion of the emergency, it should have come and it has come But I want to make it clear that I have not a word of apology for having been a party to the Bill which is being repealed by this Bill because of the reasons which I have already given The justifiability of an action depends upon the context In that context it was necessary Emergency was justified at that time If you have doubts about it I quote Babu Jagjivan Ram's support to that proposition With these words I support the Bill

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सभापति जी मेरे मित्रों न भी इस बिल का समर्थन किया है और मैं उनको इसके लिए बधाई देना चाहता हूँ। कांग्रेस बेंचें में जिन्होंने समर्थन किया है उसमें दो कटेगरीज हैं। एक तो वह जिन्होंने खुल कर कहा है कि हम से गलतियां हुई हैं और उन को स्वीकार करते हैं। जनता ने जो हॉट दंड दिया है उसको भी स्वीकार करते हैं। वह बहुत ईमानदारी से यह बात कहते हैं और हम उनकी ईमानदारी की बड़ा धन्यवाद करते हैं कि उन्होंने सफाई से कहा। लेकिन कुछ लोग ऐसे भी हैं जो आज भी यह कहते हैं कि 19 महीनों में जो तानाशाही का राज रहा, प्रेस का गला घेदा गया, अदालतों के दरवाजे बन्द किए गए वह इसलिए हुआ कि राइटिस्ट रीप्रेजेंटेशन और लैपट ऐन्ड चरिट्टा को रोकने के लिए बंसा करना जरूरी था जिस की यह बिल कोरोलरी थी। मुझे दुःख है कि जिग प्रवार हिटलर और मुसाफिरी के बाद भी उनके चमचे जर्मनी और इटली में बच गए थे उसी प्रकार इन्दिरा जी ने चेचे घटे आज भी हिंदुस्तान में बचे हुए हैं।

मैं चाहता हूँ कि ऐसी कटेगरी के जो लोग हैं उनके सारे भाषण जनता में भेजे जाए ताकि जनता को पता लगे कि आज भी हिटलर के चेले देश में मौजूद हैं और उनसे जनता को लड़ने की जरूरत है।

माननीय स्टीफन ने कहा कि हमने भी गांधी ग्राउन्ड की पब्लिक मीटिंग में टी० बी० का मिस्यूज किया है। मैं इस बार में आपस सहमत हूँ। मेरी राय साफ है मैं जनता पार्टी का सदस्य हूँ, मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि किसी भी पोलिटिकल पार्टी की मीटिंग के लिए टी० बी० का इस्तेमाल नहीं होना चाहिए। ऐसा जल्दी में हो गया जो मेरी राय में ठीक नहीं था। लेकिन मैं उनसे एक बात कहना चाहता हूँ कि हमारी पार्टी ने कुछ लोगों ने पब्लिकली इस बात को कहा कि नहीं होना चाहिए था पर क्या कांग्रेस पार्टी में कोई सदस्य ऐसा था जिसने कभी प्रोटेस्ट किया हो जब कि इन्दिरा जी और सारा गांधी को लगातार टी० बी० पर दिखाया जाता था? क्या क्या आप के मुँह में उस समय जुवान नहीं थी? जिस तरह से हम प्रोटेस्ट कर रहे हैं हमारे साथियों ने किया वैसा आपने कभी नहीं किया और व इसलिए हुआ कि आप की जान बन्द थी, आपके मुँह पर ताला लगा हुआ था।

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN The Congress meeting was never put on live wire

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA I can quote many instances in Delhi (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE Shrimati Indira Gandhi's speech in Calcutta was directly broadcast.

PROF DILIP CHAKRAVARTY Shrimati Indira Gandhi's speech before Election was broadcast (Interruptions)

10 43 hrs

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

श्री कबीर लाल गुप्त अध्यक्ष महोदय, दिल्ली के भद्र दिन्नी प्रदेश कांग्रेस मेंडो की मीटिंग हुई जिसमें श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी ने श्रीर सजय गांधी ने भाषण किया और आन इंदिया रेडियो ने उसको टाय-रेकट ब्रोडकास्ट किया। अगर यह बात गलत हो तो आप मुने जो चाहें सजा दें, नहीं तो माननीय स्ट पन सजा लें। छड़े हो कर इनका ही कह दें कि मुझ से गवती हो गई मैं माफी चाहता हूँ, मैं मान लूंगा। यह फर्क है डेमोक्रेटिक और डिक्टेटोरियल रिजिम का। मैं मानता हूँ कि द्रोणोचार्य की भी जवान बन्द थी मरपि दुर्पोषन ने कुछ किया था, रत्नसेव की भी जवान बन्द थी जब स्टालिन का राज्य था। उसी प्रकार उस समय आपकी भी जवान बन्द थी। मुझे मालूम है, आप भीसा में बन्द होकर जेल नहीं जाना चाहते थे, नहीं तो हमारे साथ जेल में मेहमान बनकर रहते। आपम उस समय हिम्मत नहीं थी। जनता पार्टी की हुकूमत आने के बाद सारी पाबन्दिया हटी हैं और जनता पार्टी ने आज आपको जवान दी है। आज कांग्रेस के बहुत से लोग कहते हैं कि सजय गांधी और बती लाल को हटाओ, हमने आपको आपकी पार्टी में बोलने की डेमोक्रेसी दी है। जनता पार्टी ने आपको डेमोक्रेसी दी जिसके कारण आज आप कांग्रेस के बारे में कुछ कह सकते हैं। आप पहले तो कुछ नहीं कह सकते थे ?

डेमोक्रेसी के लिए यह बिल लाना जरूरी है। मेरे मित्र ने थोड़ा सा क्वोट किया था, मैं भी इस बिल का संकशन 3 क्वोट करना चाहता हूँ —

"In this Act, the expression 'objectionable matter' means any words, signs or visible representa-

tions which are likely to bring into hatred or contempt or excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India or in any State thereof and thereby cause or tend to cause public disorder"

यानी आप गवर्नमेंट के खिलाफ कोई भी डिक्लरेशन कर, कुछ भी ऐसे शब्द बोल जाएँ, इसारा किया जाए, तो उसकी सजा मिन सकती है। आखिर मैं एक्सप्लेनेशन 2 में यह है —

"Explanation II In considering whether any matter is objectionable under this Act the effect of the words signs or visible representations and not the intention of the keeper of the press or the publisher or editor of the newspaper or news sheet as the case may be shall be taken into account."

इन्टेंशन का सवाल नहीं है, क्या आपके मन में है, इसका सवाल नहीं है। अगर आपने कुछ भी ऐसी बात कही है, जिमने डिक्लरेशन हो सकता है, तो इन्टेंशन को छोड़कर आपको भ्रन्दर कर दिया जाएगा। क्या मेरे मित्र इसको सपोर्ट कर सकते हैं ?

मेरा कहना यह है कि जिस तरह से प्रेस का इस देश में गला घोटा गया था, दुनिया के किसी डेमोक्रेटिक कंट्री में ऐसा नहीं हुआ। कांग्रेसी के जमाने में भी यहां प्रेस का इस तरह गला नहीं घोटा गया। डेमोक्रेसी के नाम पर तानाशाही चलाई गई। कहा गया कि पार्लियामेंट सुप्रीम है लेकिन पार्लियामेंट की प्रोसीडिज नहीं छप सकती थीं। अगर पार्लियामेंट सुप्रीम है, तो इसमें जो बोला जाता था, उसका जनता को पता लगना चाहिए था। लेकिन यह सुप्रीम नहीं थी, इस लिए इसकी सारी बातें जनता के सामने नहीं आ सकती थीं।

इतना ही नहीं कि सरकार के खिलाफ कुछ कहा जाए तो वह ही न छपे, भदालतो, हाईकोर्टों और सुप्रीमकोर्टों के जो जजमेंट होते थे, उनको भी नहीं छपने दिया गया। इसके कई उदाहरण हैं। उन जजमेंटों को भी सेंसर कर के दिया गया। बहुत सारे जर्नलिस्टों को जेल में डाल दिया गया। जिस दिन एमर्जेंसी डिक्लेयर हुई उस दिन सेंसरशिप लागू भी नहीं हुई थी, उसके एक दो दिन बाद सेंसरशिप लागू की गई थी।

इतना ही नहीं कि कानून बना दिया गया, सेंसर बना दिया गया, गाइडलाइन्स कर दी गई, इसके अलावा कई अखबारों के प्रेस तक की बिजली काट दी गई जिससे कि अखबार छप न सकें। जो अखबार इंडिपेंडेंट एटिट्यूड लेते थे उनको खबर न मिले, उनको सेंसर से खबर देने में जानबूझ कर देरी की जाती थी। हम जानते हैं कि इंडियन एक्सप्रेस, स्टेट्समैन अखबार कभी कभी 12 बजे और 1, 1 बजे निकलते थे और कभी निकल ही नहीं पाते थे। इस प्रकार से बिजली काटकर उनको परेशान किया गया।

अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं आपके द्वारा मंत्री महोदय से माग करता हूँ कि डेमोक्रेसी के लिए यह जरूरी है कि इस प्रकार का सारा डेटा इकट्ठा करके जानकारी देनी चाहिए कि किस प्रकार से प्रेस का गला घोटा गया। यह सारा डेटा इकट्ठा करके सदन के सामने लाया जाए जिससे जनता को और दुनिया को पता लग सके।

मंत्री महोदय यह बताए कि पिछली सरकार ने देश में आनक पैदा करने और तानाशाही स्थापित करने के लिए किस प्रकार सेंसर का उपयोग किया।

मैं अपने देश के इंडिपेंडेंट प्रेस को बर्बाद करना चाहता हूँ, जिस ने इतने दबाव के बावजूद —अखबारों ने एडवर्टाइजमेंट बन्द कर दिये गये, प्रेस की बिजली काट दी गई, उन के मवान न लाम कर दिये गये—अपनी नीतियों को नहीं बदला और मजबूत खड़ा रहा। कुछ लोग और अखबार ऐसे भी थे, जिन्होंने समझा कि हाथ रोगने और रडियो तथा टेलि-विजन से पैसा कमाने का यही मौका है। मैं मंत्री महोदय को एक निट्टी लिख कर बताया है कि आकाशवाणी और टेलि-विजन में आज भी संजय वाकस ने लोग बँठ हुए हैं। पिछला उन्नीस महीने में उन्होंने जिस तरह तानाशाही के साथ मिलकर काम किया, उसी तरह व आज भी सरकार के काम को चलाना चाहते हैं और हमारी सरकार को बदनाम करना चाहते हैं। मुझे मालूम है कि सरकार द्वारा संजय गांधी और 20-पायट प्रोग्राम पर होने वाले खर्च के आकड़े इकट्ठे किये जा रहे हैं। मगर ये अक्सर उस में गड़बड़ कर रहे हैं और खर्चा कम बता रहे हैं। मैं चाहूँगा कि सरकार इस बारे में छान-बीन करे। इस वाकस के लोगों को, जिन में आकाशवाणी और दूर दर्शन के बड़े बड़े अधिकारी शामिल हैं, इन संस्थाओं में स्थान नहीं मिलना चाहिए। जो लोग डेमोक्रेटिक माइंडिड हैं और जो देश को प्रजातांत्रिक ढंग से चलाना चाहते हैं, उन्हें वो इन संस्थाओं में रखना चाहिए।

सरकार को देश के इंडिपेंडेंट प्रेस को एनकरेज करना चाहिए। जो लोग हमारे निटिक हैं, उन्हें भी एनकरेज करना चाहिए। यह जरूरी नहीं है कि सब लोग हमारी पार्टी की नीतियों को तारीफ ही करें। जो लोग हम क्रिटिसाइज करेंगे, हम उन से भी सीखेंगे और अगर हम ने कोई गलतिया की हैं, तो हम उन को ठीक करेंगे। जब देश में तानाशाही थी, तब इंडिपेंडेंट प्रेस ने मजबूती से उस का मुकाबला किया। आज यह जरूरी नहीं है कि वह हमारी पुशामद

[श्री स्वर्ण न न गन्ध]

करें। उसको खुशी छूट होगी कि वह हमारे बारे में जा चाहे लिख। जो समाचारपत्र इंडिपेंडेंट प्रोपानियन दन है सरकार को उन्हा पूरी सहायता और प्राप्ताहन देना चाहिए।

मुन खुशी है कि इस बातें वानून को गमाण किया जा रहा है। देश में प्रजातन्त्र पर सन स बडा बुढारापान प्रंस का गना घाउन व रूप में हुआ। पिछली सरकार न कानून बना कर सेंगर लगा दिया और प्रंस का मुह बन्द कर दिया, ताकि लोगो को देश में होने वाली घटनाओ के बारे में सही इन्फर्मेशन न मिल सके। यहा तक कि जब श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण, श्री मोरारजी देसाई और श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी आदि नेता गिरफ्तार हुए, तो लोगो का मानसू तक नहीं हुआ कि ये कि कहा हैं। क्या यह भी कोई आवा विमनयल मैटर था? क्या इन पर भी सर लगाना चाहिए था? यह कोई गोनडन मीन नहीं है। यह तो एन र्कंडेशन कर व आप न इमोजसी का गला घाटा है। वह दिन वापस न आए यह सरकार इन तरह की मोति अपनाए और एन ईटा देना कर इस सरकार ने 19 मन्थों में बना क्या किया इसकी जानकारी पूरे निस्तार मजतला व गानने और सदन के सामने गाननीय मन्त्रीजी को रखनी चाहिए। इन मन्थों में समय में इस विषयन का समर्थन करता हूँ।

17 00 hrs

SHRI SOUGATA ROY (Barrack-pore) Mr Speaker, Sir, let me make it clear at the outset, that I am not here to oppose the Bill. Let me also make it clear that I am not here to defend the indefensible. I was not a member of the 5th Lok Sabha like you. That is why my conscience is

quite clear on this point. As Mr Stephen correctly said, this Bill is a corollary to the Emergency. This bill has been called a draconian bill. But as I said, the bill being a corollary of the Emergency, if the Emergency was draconian, this bill was also draconian.

The elections were fought on the issue of Emergency. The Congress Party lost the elections. I accept the verdict as a member of the Congress party whatever we may think about Emergency. Whether we support the Emergency or not the people of India as a whole have not supported it. Therefore, I have no hesitation in saying that the bringing in of this bill was a logical corollary of the victory of the Janata Party and of the repeal of the Emergency.

But at this point, I want to make a few important points. It has been very often said from the ruling benches that everybody in the Congress Party was silent on this point. Every Party has its discipline and ethics. There are many Congress men who were not happy when advertisements to the 'Pa'not' were stopped. There were many Congressmen who were unhappy when 'Mainstream' was censored, but being in the Congress party, it was not always possible to come out in the open. (Interruption) I will say something about 'Indian Express' and 'Statesman' later on. But there is a difference between political newspapers and non-political newspapers, and that point has to be made very clear. What is the difference between responsible journalism and yellow journalism? It has to be made clear. As Mr Stephen said earlier to-day, Shri Morarji Bhais is the Prime Minister of India to-day and anything written to denigrate him personally would be a denigration of the image of India. If anybody in the cabinet of Shri Morarji Bhais dies and if it is said that Shri Morarji Bhais had a hand in it, naturally the image of India does not go up in the

eyes of the people of the world This is what was being done Mr Speaker, before the Emergency A certain Cabinet Minister of the government died and the Press came out openly saying that the Prime Minister had a hand in it This is libellous and no country can function with such an irresponsible Press Mr Advani has come to the government recently When the dust settles down and when the ethereal issues settle down to real issues he will find that in running a country and a government it is necessary to evolve a code of ethics of the Press and of journalism it is necessary to find out a way to curb yellow journalism it is necessary to find a way to stop character assassination and it is necessary to find a way to prevent unfair attacks on persons I do not say that such a bill will be necessary again because as I said Emergency may not be necessary in this country again And if no Emergency is necessary a black bill or a draconian bill will not be necessary either Still it is time that Mr Advani sits with the Press with the working journalists and with the owners of newspapers to find a way to stop this because I know that after six months his government will be subjected to the same barrage of propaganda from the Press as we were subjected to when we were on the government side

May I remind you that in your euphoria you are talking highly of the free press you are talking highly of the independent press you are talking highly of the Indian Express?

MR SPEAKER I did not talk about anything

SHRI SOUGATA ROY They were saying that

MR SPEAKER Then put it that way When you say "you", it will apply to me

SHRI SOUGATA ROY Sir, I am addressing through you the ruling benches if I am not mistaken When the ruling benches talk highly of the independence of the press it comes to my mind that the very same language press the very same national dailies they printed on the first page big photographs of a certain youth leader drinking green coconut, the very same press printed the picture of certain youth leaders tying boot lace and today they have come in support of the Janata Party I know of a vernacular daily of my part of the country *Ananda Bazar Patrika* It was printing the photographs in big size on the first page every day and saying that a certain youth leader had done this or done that Today that paper is giving hospitality to the Janata Party So I can only tell you that this euphoria will be short lived. These people can turn against you again as it turned against us Do not have any faith in them

You talk about the freedom of the press May I tell you that really there is no freedom no democracy under capitalism? Let me remind you this free press as you call it, the Indian Express it is owned by a jute magnate Shri Ramnath Goenka who has so many jute mills in my State of West Bengal one of which the previous Government had to take over There cannot be any freedom for the working journalist working under Shri Ramnath Goenka there cannot be any freedom for a journalist working in the big language dailies because they have to go by the dictates of their owners.

Mr Advani, it is all right you have brought forward this Bill and this Bill is welcome But let me also tell you that in 1973 our Government thought of bringing about a Bill for the diffusion of ownership of newspapers but it fell due to certain reasons. I was not in Parliament at that time and so I do not know the reasons When you get down to

[Shri Sougata Roy]

brass tacks if you want freedom of the press in the country then you have to stop the ownership of the press by the big jute mill owners

Shri Uggrasen has just now spoken on this subject. He has been a Socialist all his life and so he would very much like to see the ownership of these newspapers in this country diffused. But I am very sorry Mr. Uggrasen you will find yourself in collision with the members of the Janata Party, who belonged to the Swatantra Party previously who belonged to the Congress (O) previously because they will say "No no we will not take it away from Shri Ramnath Goenka, who is a big friend of the Janata Party who is helping us in so many ways". So in spite of your socialism, you would not be able to do it. Therefore, I would request those of you who believe in the freedom of the press to work for the diffusion of ownership of the newspapers, because there cannot be any real freedom of the press of the working journalist under a capitalist system, under a capitalist ownership where Shri Ramnath Goenka, Shri Sahu Jain and people like him are owning big national dailies, where crores of rupees are necessary to bring about another chain of newspapers. This is another point I wanted to mention.

Thirdly, I have another point. The other day I was reading an interview by the Prime Minister, Shri Morarji Desai, to *Current*. He was talking with the Editor of *Current* and he said you journalists drink too much, if I have prohibition, then you journalists, your freedom will be restricted in the sense you would not be able to drink. I want to say that there is a point in what Shri Morarji said. Last year there was a big scandal implicating certain journalists with the CIA in the border areas. I would say that this addiction to

alcohol often makes some journalists—I would not say all journalists, but some journalists, because most of the working journalists in this country are honest free and fearless, I have no doubt about it—but some journalists come into contact with the foreign agencies. Because of the consumption of alcohol in the Embassy parties some of these journalists come into contact with foreign countries and their agencies and that is why they often do things which are detrimental to the interests of this country. We must ensure that our journalists do not get implicated in this sort of affairs.

So I again say that today what is necessary in this new atmosphere when the Janata Party has come to power is this let us get rid of this euphoria.

Let us stop repeating what the faults of the previous Government were. It has been going on in these few days in Parliament. I have been hearing about what the previous Government had done. Please tell us what you are going to do and what is your policy about the newspapers. Just now, Mr. L. K. Advani, made a statement which has disappointed me. He said that DAVP advertisements were mainly for the purpose of publicity. So, those newspapers which have bigger circulation will get bigger advertisements. Is he not favouring the monopoly Press, big newspapers who are run by big capitalists. How can a small and medium newspaper thrive unless there is a fair share of the advertisements given to the small and medium newspapers. By all means you can give advertisements to 'Motherland', to your own party paper and so on, but you should also give some advertisements to our party papers so that small and medium newspapers can thrive in this country. With these words, I lend my support to the Bill and welcome the introduction of the Bill.

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में एक सापर ने कहा है —

सायाद की क्या खूब हुनरमन्दी है,
हर बात पे ऐलान खुदा बन्दी है ।

पहले बी अन्द कफ़स में बुलबुल
अब सहने-चमन में भी सुवां बन्दी है ।

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नहीं मिलती है । हमारे पंजाब के लाला
जगत नारायण जी, जो राज्य सभा के मेम्बर
रहे हैं, हिन्दू समाचार और पंजाब मेसरी के
मालिक हैं । वे अपने अखबार में
यह भी नहीं छाप सकते थे कि लाला जगत
नारायण जी गिरफ्तार हो गये । छापना तो
दर-किनार उन के प्रेस को बन्द करने के लिए
बिजली का कनेक्शन भी काट दिया गया ।
उन्होंने मजबूर हो कर ट्रैक्टर की मदद से
अखबार छापना शुरू कर दिया—इस हद
तक कार्यवाहियां हुईं । यहां दिल्ली में
इण्डियन एक्सप्रेस अखबार को इस ठंग से
बन्द किया गया, पहले उसकी बिजली
बन्द हो गई, फिर उस के खिलाफ़
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नबर कुछ और कहती है,
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हक मिलेगा कि आप हमारे खिलाफ़ लिख
सकें—यह इख्तियार हम ने आपकी दिया है,
वरना पुराने कानून से हम को क्या नुकसान
था, हम तो उस पाबन्दी से फायदा उठा
सकते थे । लेकिन हम ने अपने घोषणा-पत्र
में एलान किया था कि हम इस मुल्क को
आजादी देंगे । अखबारों को आजादी
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भादमी को लिखों की आजादी मिलेगी ।
वह आजादी हम बहाल कर रहे हैं । इस से
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[बौध्दी बलवान मिट्ट]

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I would like to tell you that it is true and we also know that freedom of the press does not mean freedom of the people to express their views. We also know that the press and all the big newspapers are in the hands of some fortunate few who are intelligent enough to give publicity to their own men even today. This was the case before Emergency and this is the case after Emergency. This was the case during Emergency but in an accentuated way. May I ask my young friends who are talking that there cannot be true democracy in capitalism as to what do we prefer dictatorship of the monopolists or the so called democracy of the monopolists where you get some chance by using their contradictions to vent your views? We prefer bourgeois democracy to bourgeois dictatorship.

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two days after the result of the election was declared. I remained in jail. Even before that my family could not know that I was in jail. Not only that. As soon as the Emergency was declared, they choked the Harijans and the Adivasis. They said that to curb the monopolists, they had imposed press censorship. In Dhanbad, we have found what they did. They choked the workmen, they dismissed them. The day the Emergency was declared two Harijans were murdered. When we approached the Press at least to publish it because while you people were trumpeting that you were upholding the interests of Harijans and Adivasis, the very day of the declaration of Emergency was desecrated with the murder of a Harijan, they said that since press censorship was there they could not help. Colliery after colliery was attacked by goondas and when we asked them to publish it and focus attention on it as production was being hampered while you wanted more and more production for the maintenance of the country they said they could not publish it because there was press censorship and that if we should press them further they would themselves become victims. That is why you imposed press censorship. When I was in jail all the prisoners used to be tortured regularly. One of our oldest friends whom we used to respect, a Moulana Sahib, was arrested though he was a symbol of harmony, in the name of being a member of the Jamia Islamia. He was 80 years old but he was assaulted with lathis. Ultimately he fell ill and the Government secretly arranged for his burial on their own initiative when they found that he was to die soon. He was secretly thrown out of the jail and after a week he died in hospital. But not a word about this came in the press. That is why press censorship was imposed. In this way I can give you a series of examples. We had to spend perhaps one of our longest periods in jail. That is why I say, in this bourgeois system, in the capitalist system, we know that the

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in the way of internal security or what standards were applied.

Sir, I want to tell you something more about this case

I know that the officer who passed this order had some compunctions—qualms of conscience. He thought that he would become notorious throughout the world for ages if he passed such an order. When he was asked to pass the order he wrote a note that what he was asked to do was against law and there was no justification, and yet he was told by the censors authority that he should do according to the instructions given to him. It is not the wording or the phraseology standing by itself which was considered but the manner in which provisions were implemented.

There is another interesting case which I would like to tell to the House. I can go on giving facts of cases which form part of record the proceedings of several High Courts. It is not something which I can try to draw on my imagination. I want to tell you about the case of Indian Express. Friends opposite ask whether am I a friend of Shri R. N. Goenka. I would like to tell them, whether friend or for they must recognise one thing that he has stood by the freedom of the press at considerable risk to his person and at considerable risk to his person and at considerable risk. He has discharged his public duty at considerable risk. Let me tell you about the case which forms part of the record of Bombay High Court. Anyone of you who has got any regard for truth for public interest should try to read an affidavit in that case. I would tell how the pre-censorship rules and press restrictions were operated to the prejudice of the newspapers who tried to do their duty within the four corners of these rigid rules. The case that I am going to tell you about is illustrative. This is a part of that affidavit.

In order to take over the control and management of Bombay office of the Indian Express Government managed to get some of its nominees appointed on the Board of Directors. The Chairman was Shri K. K. Birla. He said that editor should go the next man should also go and someone who was fourth or fifth according to seniority should be made the editor. This was objected to. What happened then? The Government the censorship authorities used to ask the newspapers for submission of galleys or proof of material that was going to be printed and published. Other two leading newspapers besides Indian Express are the Times of India and Free Press. The Indian Express management as well as that of two other Newspapers used to submit their copy for being scrutinised to the authorities. What happened then is most interesting. The two other newspapers would get back their copies after checking before 12.00 O'clock with the result that they would be able to bring out their papers at about 5.00 O'clock in the morning and these were available to the public in the morning. But so far as Indian Express was concerned, copy approved by the censorship authorities was not returned till 8.00 O'clock next morning and the result was that the paper which was expected to be available at 5.00 or 6.00 O'clock in the morning could only come up in the afternoon to the public. Express could not compete with the other newspapers, naturally with the result that Shri Ramnath Goenka filed a writ petition in the Bombay High Court.

If I had the time I would tell the House how during the last 19 months, not merely the freedom of the Press but the independence of the Judiciary—I am referring to the Judiciary—was undermined and how its independence and integrity were also undermined. The matter came before a Judge sitting on the Original Side. May I say that I am an ex-Judge of the Bombay High Court and so I know in what frame of mind the Judges were placed

during the emergency—the learned Judge hearing this petition on the Original Side could do nothing but pass an order referring it to a Division Bench consisting of the Chief Justice and Mr Justice Tuljapurkar, he refused to pass any interim order So, the *Indian Express* suffered for a number of days It could not publish its morning paper When the matter came before the Division Bench, Mr Ramnath Podar was advised to take courage, further courage

AN HON MEMBER It is Mr Ramnath Goenka not Mr Ramnath Podar

SHRI NARENDRA P NATHWANI I am sorry Both are my personal friends Let it be known I am not afraid of it He has tried to search my records

MR SPEAKER I am glad the Birlas are not your friends They are very happy that they are friends Mr K K Birla is your great friend If he admits that Mr Goenka is his friend there is nothing insulting I am happy about it But you do not have the courage at least to say that Mr Birla is your friend.

SHRI NARENDRA P NATHWANI It is a matter of personal knowledge I also know this You should also know that the husband of the former Prime Minister of India was also a friend of Shri Ramnath Goenka.

To resume my narration, at that stage Shri Goenka filed an affidavit on oath What I am stating is derived from that affidavit in which he has stated that after the emergency, he was asked to submit to certain nominees of the government become Directors and to take charge of the paper and if he did not comply with, the result would be that not only he but his son and daughter-in-law would be arrested under MISA and he has also mentioned the name of the Minister who held out this threat

So, the matter became very critical for the government They had to meet that allegation in affidavit by filing an affidavit in reply and if that thing had happened, certainly, the court would have gone into that disputed question of fact, whether such a threat was held out or not The Government was obviously afraid of doing it They knew that the truth would come out So they considered discretion to be the better part of valour and did not file a counter affidavit They merely stated to the court to this effect we do not want to dispute this writ petition and we promise that we would return the material or proofs of the paper within time And thereafter not only did they return it within time but they did not care to scrutinise the same

That is—I am saying—how this power of trying to control and reform the Press has been exercised. And the most sinister part of the whole thing is that all these steps were taken to curb the Press and prevent the people from knowing the truth—Why? In the name of strengthening the Press and strengthening democracy This is the most sinister part How puerile, juvenile and childish attempts were made not to allow the people know the correct facts even where no politics was involved and where no question of raising a voice of dissent was involved To what extent have they gone? May I give another illustration?

I appeared as Counsel in one case A daily newspaper of Rajkot used to publish very useful items of news For instance once they published a news item that in a village near Surendranagar there was scarcity of water and that the authorities should look into it because the people were experiencing difficulty or hardship The Editor was asked not to publish such reports The Editor submitted his explanation He said in his explanation that it was truth. He said, if it was false and if there was no

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substance in it he would be most willing to withdraw that statement. But they said no. He was told 'You must not publish truth, even slightest difficulty people experience should not be published during emergency. Any inconvenience should not be published.' That is how the press was sought to be checked.

MR SPEAKER All these things are known to everybody. Please conclude. Since of emergency are known to both sides of the House. Kindly conclude.

SHRI NARENDRA P NATHWANI Sir, I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity. I am saying this because some Members of the opposition said

MR. SPEAKER They are not opposing the Bill.

SHRI NARENDRA P NATHWANI that this was a temporary measure. I wanted to ask them. Having regard to your conduct in the past how after emergency was revoked, you would have exercised your powers under the existing Act? How would you have utilised it? Otherwise where was the necessity of including this Act in the Ninth Schedule to the Constitution?

Before I sit down I would like to tell the House about one fact—which is known to every one both inside this House and outside this House. Unlimited power was taken to curb the Press. Apart from that, they resorted to all sorts of dubious methods by way of withdrawing patronage—by way of withdrawing advertisements to them. Not only State Governments and the Union Government, but even Zilla Parishads and Municipal Corporations (which were under their control) were asked not to give advertisements to those papers which were trying to serve the public

by giving correct news. This is the submission which I wanted to make and I thank you Sir, for the opportunity given to me to take part in this debate.

MR SPEAKER The Bill has been accepted by all corners and I think we must be able to finish it today. Tomorrow also we have got some other business. I appeal to members on this side and that side to be very brief so that we may be able to finish it today.

श्री गौरीशंकर राय (गाजीपुर): अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह सही है कि दोनों ओर से इस बिल के समर्थन के बाद इस पर बोलने की आवश्यकता नहीं थी। मगर विरोधी पक्ष के द्वारा यह कहते हुए भी कि हम इस का समर्थन करते हैं जो तर्क उपस्थित किये गये, उन से ऐसा लगा कि हमारे मित्र इन चीस महीनों में इस देश में नहीं थे, बल्कि वहाँ बाहर गये हुए थे।

सर्वप्रथम मैं श्री स्टीपन ओर उन के ग्रन्थ दोस्ता को उन की स्वामिभक्ति, लायल्टी, टू दि मास्टर, के लिए बधाई देना चाहता हूँ। हिन्दुआ के एक ग्रन्थ में कहानी है कि एक महापुरुष के साथ मैं उन का नाम नहीं लूंगा—कोई भी नहीं रहा, लेकिन एक स्वामीभक्त जानवर मरते दम तक उन के साथ रहा। हमारे माननीय मित्र इस वक्त भी जो स्वामीभक्ति दिखा रहे हैं उस के लिए वे बधाई के पात्र हैं।

लेकिन इतना मैं आप के जरिए उन से कहना चाहता हूँ कि यह देश उन का भी है, हमारा भी है और सब का है। जब कोई तथ्य सामने रखें तो उस में उन्हें सोचना चाहिए। वे कहते हैं कि प्रधान मंत्री की आलोचना करने से देश की इमेज खराब होगी। इतने दिन तक तो इस कल्पना के साथ वे काम करते ही रहे कि प्रधान मंत्री ही देश हैं यहाँ भी आज इसी को दोहरा रहे

हैं जब कि पीपुल्स वर्डिक्ट आ गया । मैं समझता हूँ कि अगर प्रधान मंत्री के गन्धे वाम के लिए प्रधान मंत्री की आलोचना की जाय अपनी ड्यूटी के लिए तो देश की इमेज बढेगी । निक्शन के निवालेने से अमेरिका की इमेज घटी नहीं बल्कि अमेरिका के लोगो की नैतिकता और उन की शान दुनिया मे बढी है । जब सारे लोगो ने प्रधान मंत्री के व्यवहार के ऊपर, उन के कार्यों के ऊपर अपनी राय दी है तो उस का क्या मतलब है कि उन के हारने से हमारे देश की इमेज घटी है ? नहीं, हमारे देश की इमेज बढी है । मैं अपने मित्रों से कहना चाहता हूँ कि प्रधान मंत्री को देश के साथ आइडेंटिफाइ करने का राष्ट्रीय काम, अनपैट्रिआटिक वाम अब न करे क्योंकि प्रजातन्त्र के देश में यह अनपैट्रिआटिक है और अनफैयर है ।

पिछले बीस महीनो मे जो अश्र्ववार की स्थिति थी उस की प्रशंसा करने वाले हमारे नौजवान मित्र उस तरह के अश्र्ववार को मानते हैं । इस उम्र को देख कर आश्चर्य होता है कि उस समय के प्रेस की ये प्रशंसा करते हैं । मान्यवर के सामने शायद पडा हो या न पडा हो, एक हिन्दी का अश्र्ववार मेरे सामने पडा है जिस मे लिखा था कि सजय गांधी ने जिस तरह के कार्यों से अपना सामाजिक कार्य शुरू किया है वे हमे महात्मा गांधी की याद दिलाते हैं । महात्मा जी ने भी इसी तरह काम शुरू किया था । इस प्रकार के अश्र्ववार छापने की स्वतंत्रता ये चाहते हैं ।

ये हम को कहते हैं कि क्या गोपनवा के दोस्त हा ? हा, जो आजादी की लड़ाई मे भी रहा हो और जो इस गुलामी के मामले मे भी लडा है उस के दोस्त होने मे हम अपने को शर्मिन्दा महसूस नहीं करते हैं । हम शर्मिन्दा महसूस करते हैं इस बात के लिए कि इन की एमर्जेन्सी की प्रशंसा करने के लिए विरला साहव इंग्लैंड मे भी गए और विरला साहव इन की प्रशंसा करने के लिए बहस

हमारे राजदूतावास मे रहे । वडी कन्टेम्पचुअस लैंग्वेज मे विरला साहव ने प्रशंसा की । हमारे उन के दोस्त होने से हमे शर्मिन्दागी नहीं है लेकिन विरला के चरण जिह्नों पर चलने मे इन की नाज है । हमारे मित्र ने जैसा कहा है कि उस में उन को सकोच नहीं है । इन की सरकार विरला के पदचिह्नों की गुलाम रही है उसकी चेरी रही है । ये हमारे मित्र नौजवान लोग हैं लेकिन विरला के ये गुलाम रहें हैं ।

एक माननीय सदस्य हम विरला के भी खिलाफ हैं । विरला के दोस्त नहीं है ।

श्री गौरी शंकर राय ट्रेजरी बेंच पर जो अभी तक थे वे विरला के दोस्त नहीं थे, उस की चेरी थे, उस के दासानुदास थे ।

एक बात और कहना चाहता हूँ । इस सन्दर्भ मे एक बात याद आती है कि जब एमर्जेन्सी लगी थी तो सारे देश मे दो आवाजें उठी एमर्जेन्सी के समर्थन मे । मालूम नहीं इधर हमारे कम्प्युनिस्ट पार्टी के मित्र यहां बैठे हैं या नहीं, लेकिन एमर्जेन्सी के समर्थन मे दो आवाजें आई और एक प्रतियोगिता हुई उन मे कि एमर्जेन्सी के समर्थन मे कौन आगे जाता है, उस मे कम्प्युनिस्ट पार्टी के मित्र भी गए प्रधान मंत्री के दरवाजे पर और के० विरला साहव भी गए, मैं अपने कम्प्युनिस्ट मित्रों के साथ सहानुभूति प्रकट करता हूँ कि नम्बर 2 पर ये पहुँचे, पहले विरला साहव ने एमर्जेन्सी का समर्थन किया । एमर्जेन्सी का गुणगान करने वाले ये प्रगतिशील लोग ? उस प्रगतिशीलता से आज भी ये मुक्त नहीं हुए ।

एक बात मैं यह कहना चाहूँगा कि मान्यवर आप जैसे लोग या बहुत सारे इधर और उधर बैठे हुए लोग जो राष्ट्रीय आन्दोलन की लड़ाई मे रहें हैं और इस मौजूदा गुलामी के खिलाफ लड़ें हैं वे भय मुक्ति की बात करते हैं । हमारे प्रधान मंत्री मोरार जी भाई भय मुक्ति की बात करते हैं । वह भय-मुक्ति तो देश मे हुई लेकिन एक और विरोधी दल को फायदा हुआ । इन

[श्री गोरी शंकर राय]

इसको लज्जा-मुक्ति भी हो गई। लज्जा-मुक्ति यानी शेम प्रूफ। लज्जा मुक्ति को कभी कभी मैं एक्सप्लेन नहीं कर पाता हूँ, अंग्रेजी में जिस को शेम-प्रूफ कहेंगे। एक ऐसी स्थिति होती है कि विज्ञ स्थिति में मनुष्य होता है, उस में उस की भय नहीं होता, लज्जा नहीं होती, सबोच नहीं होता। तो भय मुक्त तो हैं ही हमारे इस पक्ष के शासक दल के लोग लेकिन लज्जा-मुक्त न हो यह हमारी प्रार्थना है। हया-कुन मैं नहीं कहूँगा वह अपार्लिया डेढ़ी होगा।

मान्यवर, वे लोग उस प्रेस को मानते हैं जिस प्रेस में क्या क्या हुआ यह आप को मालूम है। अंग्रेजी जमाने में जब आप जैसे लोग गिरफ्तार हुए, महात्मा गांधी गिरफ्तार हुए तो पूरा समाचार छपा। लेकिन इस देश में एमर्जेंसी में गिरफ्तारियों को छापने से भी मना कर दिया गया। आप को याद होगा जब महात्मा जी बीमार थे अहमदाबाद जेल में तो रोज मेडिकल वुलेटिन निकलती थी कि महात्मा जी का टेम्परेचर आज इतना है। लेकिन जब देश के लोगों ने भ्रम हुआ, हम लोग फरार थे उस समय, लोग विश्वास नहीं करते थे कि अंग्रेज ठीक रिपोर्ट दे रहे है या नहीं तो सी० सी० राय उन के पाम लाए गए और उन के दस्तखत से वुलेटिन निकलती थी। लेकिन इस देश में जयप्रकाश नारायण जैसे महान व्यक्ति जेल में बन्द हुए हम लोग अब भी फरार थे और पता लगाने गए श्री जयप्रकाश नारायण जीधिन रहेंगे या नहीं मैं जानकारी के लिए कहता हूँ—जब उन की स्थिति अत्यंत खराब थी और जिस समय हम देश के पुराने गृह मंत्री श्री ब्रह्मानन्द रेड्डी नेस्टेडिंग कमेटी में कहा कि जयप्रकाश नारायण की तबियत ठीक है उस के तीन दिन बाद मरणासन्न स्थिति में वे छोड़े गए। देश के किसी भी व्यक्ति को यह नहीं जानने दिया कि उन की तबियत खराब है। इसने लिए उन्हें नाज है। अगर विरोध पक्ष के लोगों को अपने

बीस महीने के कमों के लिए ना है, शर्मिंदगी इनके हिस्से में नहीं है, अपने बीस महीने के कार्यों के लिए शर्मिंदगी नहीं है तो हम भारतीय होने के नाते शर्मिंदगी है। एक देशभक्त होने के नाते हम इसके लिए लज्जित हैं और शर्मिंदगी है। लज्जा से हम डूबे जा रहे हैं।

मुझे कुछ बातों के लिए इस विवाद में उठकर बोलना पड़ा।

MR SPEAKER Please try to conclude There are hardly five minutes left for the Minister to reply. Leave something for him to reply to also Let us pass this Bill by 6 O'clock.

श्री गोरी शंकर राय : मान्यवर, इस घुटन के बाद आप हमारी मजबूरी समझिये जब हमें बोलने की आजादी मिली है तो जो काम इस विषय में इस बीच हुए है उनकी चर्चा देश में होनी चाहिए। ... (संघधान)

अभी हमारे मित्रों ने अखबारों को एडवर्टीजमेंट देने की पालिसी के लिए मानो-पोलिस्ट्स को मना करने की बात की है। मालूम नहीं पिछले 20 महीने में इनको मोनोपोलिस्ट्स से बितनी नफरत रही है—यह मैं नहीं जानता लेकिन यह मैं जानता हूँ कि सजय गांधी के जो अखबार निकलते थे उनमें एडवर्टीजमेंट के अलावा और कुछ नहीं होता था। (संघधान) चूँकि स्टीफेन साहब ने अभी कहा था इसलिए मैं ने बताया कि ऐसे अखबार जिनमें सिर्फ एडवर्टीजमेंट्स ही निकलते थे, और कुछ भी नहीं निकलता था उन अखबारों को एडवर्टीजमेंट दिए जाते थे।

मान्यवर, अभी बताया गया "समाचार" के बारे में कि उसकी जो वर्तमान स्थिति है वह बड़ी आतिशारी है और उसको रचना चाहिए। मैं सरकार से अपील करता चाहता हूँ कि समाचार की जो आज़ स्थिति है उनकी उनकी पुरानी स्थिति में लाकर मारी प्रेस एजेंसीज को मुक्त करें वरना इस देश में प्रेस

गुलाम रह जायेगा। जिस आदर्श स्थिति की कल्पना हमारे मित्र कर रहे हैं वह आदर्श स्थिति उनके दिमाग में होगी या डॉप फिटाने के लिए, फैंस सेविंग डियाइस के लिए और वेबल आमुनिट के लिए आमुनिट दे रहे हैं। वेबल डिक्टेटोरियल बट्टीज में एक प्रेस एजेंसी होती है। उनका यह कहना कि अपने मन में यह प्रेस एजेंसीज एव में मर्ज हुई है, सत्य से परे है। मैं निवेदन करूंगा कि सरकार इस बात की शीघ्र व्यवस्था करे ताकि इस देश के प्रखबारनवीस भी हो सकें।

हमारे मित्रों ने कहा कि बकिंग जर्नलिस्ट्स का क्या होगा। पिछले बीस महीने के दौरान बिड़ला साहब ने भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री के इशारे पर बर्गोज को निकाल दिया—बकिंग जर्नलिस्ट्स के प्रति ऐसा इनका प्रेम रहा है। कितने ही बकिंग जर्नलिस्ट्स पकड़ कर जेल में बन्द कर दिए गए जिनके लिए आज यह मर्ज बहा रहे हैं। मैं विरोध पक्ष से कहूंगा कि खामखाह तर्क के लिए इस बिल का विरोध न करें। पब्लिक बंडिकट के बाद अपने को बदलें क्योंकि इतिहास बदल गया है।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं इस बिल का समर्थन करता हूँ और स्वागत करता हूँ।

MR. SPEAKER There are still three more speakers I don't think in the coming five minutes we will be able to finish the speeches of these three speakers and also the Minister. A similar Bill is also there. The next Bill is exactly similar, viz., the Bill to protect the publication of reports of proceedings of Parliament. If we can give them chance tomorrow, we can finish this Bill today and take up the other Bill tomorrow. On that Bill the three friends also can speak. I have no objection. It is the Government that will have to regulate the business. I have particularly no objection. If the Government is prepared to do that, I have absolutely no objection.

AN HON MEMBER I am a publisher of a paper I may be allowed to speak

MR. SPEAKER It is between the ruling Party and yourself. That is not my concern. It is the ruling Party and yourself who will have to deal with the matter. I have nothing to say in the matter if you want to talk.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am extremely grateful to all the Members who have participated in this debate because so far as this Bill concerned, the support has been unanimous without exception and I am particularly overwhelmed by the kind words that have been spoken about the Janata Government, and about me personally, and I feel proud that in this very important sphere, the Janata Government is redeeming its pledges with such expedition.

I am particularly happy that the Congress Party also has lent support to this Bill. I can't say it fully because from amongst the Congress speakers there was only one who expressed very strong reservations and who felt that the original Bill was correct and it was a corollary to the emergency and now that the emergency has ended, that Bill should also end. That was the only lone voice that I heard from the Congress benches.

My friend from West Bengal will have some reservations of a different nature. But he also felt that it was something indefensible. I am not going to defend it. So, I am satisfied with what we have done by bringing forth this Bill. It is reflecting the collective wisdom of the nation, not something that we believe in only, but something that the country has believed in right from Independence and except for these 20 months of eclipse—there was an eclipse—and during which eclipse also what I have heard today makes me feel that even the Congress Party did not believe it. The Congress Party only because it was under a pall

[Shri L. K. Advani]

of fear pall of awe it could not speak. Just now a couple of friends said that the Janata Government can even claim the credit of having given time to the Congress Party—Mookam karoti, vachalam. They can claim credit but that credit really goes to the people who have revolted against all that the emergency stood for. So, I would appeal to my friends on the Congress Benches that if we think that this is an occasion for starting a new then we must be prepared to shed all links with whatever happened in the emergency. You cannot maintain that what happened in the emergency was right. This was a corollary to the emergency. Today emergency was over. Therefore it can go. This is not one Bill in itself. I can rattle out a whole chain of laws in the same series a whole chain of constitutional amendments in the same series every one of which I hold was intended to perpetuate the emergency. This Bill also falls in the same category. This Bill is something which has nothing to do with the emergency and I do not say it myself. Mr V C Shukla when he moved this Bill said "I must make it clear that this Bill has nothing to do with the emergency provisions that are in operation today. It has nothing to do with censorship. It is only meant to fortify those people who believe in self discipline".

18 00 hrs.

Mr Stephen is not here. I wish he went through this speech. Some people feel unhappy that we cited the instance of Nazi Germany because Nazi Germany was a horrid image. But people who have gone through the horrors of the last twenty months know what horror can be. If Germany today is what it is it is because it completely snapped its links with Nazi Germany and feel that what happened then was wrong. Even those who may have been participants in the deeds of Nazi Germany in those days feel that they were wrong and they had the courage to honestly admit it. If this is the approach of the

Congress Party, there is no difficulty about it. But the approach that was reflected in Mr Stephens speech distressed me and made me unhappy. I do not feel angry that there was a general desire to justify all that was done. In the present context of things, it is not desirable and it is not good so far as the country is concerned, it is not good for the Congress Party itself.

I do not think that I have much to say on the provisions of the Bill. Everybody had supported it. Some felt that if we passed this Bill it would be licence for the Press media and it was also stated that the Janata Government was under some euphoria and it did not realise what was going to happen six months hereafter. I belong to the journalistic fraternity myself and I am conscious of what is going to happen. By and large I hold that the Indian Press had been a sober and restrained Press. Throughout the world that it is the impression that the Indian Press has produced. In fact there are friends in the west who regard that the Indian Press leans towards the side of timidity. There is no such thing as forthright investigative reporting the kind of thing that happened in American Watergate scandal. It is somewhat significant that in my capacity as Information and Broadcasting Minister I have come to know that the film All the Presidents Men dealing with the water-gate scandal was not allowed to be shown during the Emergency.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA Can you arrange to show it now?

MR. SPEAKER If anybody shows, he has no objection now.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I feel that the Press should be guided by a code of conduct and that code should not be prepared by the government and imposed upon them. Let the Press conduct itself. I rely on it and I have full faith in it. I do feel that there is need for self discipline and that the institutional arrangement that we had

earlier should be there I assure this House that in the next session we will see that the Press Council is revived and that the Press Council Bill comes before the House Something was said about diffusion of press ownership I have been hearing about it for years I do not know why the then ruling party did not do it There are difficulties

I will not go into this matter in depth as to what can be done to make the Press really free in all respects free primarily from Governmental control and also from the control of money

MR SPEAKER I think I can put it to vote now

SHRI L. K. ADVANI So I thank you again for the support you extended to me

MR. SPEAKER The question is

"That the Bill to repeal the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act, 1976 be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted

MR SPEAKER I find that there are some amendments by Shri Samar Guha and Shri Chandradeo Prasad Verma But they are not present here to move these amendments The question is

"The Clauses 2 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

SHRI L K ADVANI I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed "

MR SPEAKER The question is

"That the Bill be passed "

The motion was adopted

18 05 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday April 7 1977/Chaitra 17 1899 (Saka)

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LOK SABHA

Thursday April 7 1977/Chaitra 17,
1899 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at
Eleven of the Clock

[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTION

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Regularization of Unauthorized colonies

SNQ 4 SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state

(a) what is the policy of the Government regarding the regularization of unauthorised colonies

(b) does Government propose to change the Master Plan and

(c) if so will Government announce to set up a Committee to suggest necessary changes in the Master Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) (a) It was decided by Government in February, 1977 to regularise the various unauthorised colonies in Delhi subject to certain terms and conditions. Copy of the orders issued is placed on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT 223/77]

(b) Wherever such regularisation is considered necessary and is feasible in accordance with the terms and

conditions stipulated change of land use will be considered on merits for being incorporated in the Zonal Development Plan/Master Plan.

(c) A High Level Implementation Body is to be set up to watch the progress of regularisation and development of unauthorised colonies in accordance with the policy laid down by Government

श्री कवर लाल गुप्त पिछले बीस महीने करीब आठ लाख लोगो को पुरानी सरकार ने उजाड़ कर दूर फेंक दिया है और करोड़ों रुपये की सम्पत्ति नष्ट इस प्रकार से हुई है, डिमालिशन की वजह से हुई है। वहां उनको फेंका गया है जहां रैसिड एमनेंटीज भी नहीं है और इसान हैवानो की तरह रह रहे हैं। क्या मंत्री जी बतायेंगे कि क्या यह ठीक नहीं है कि ये सब डिमिशन 1974 में प्रधान मंत्री की मौजूदगी में डी डी ए के अफसरों की मौजूदगी में, लिए गए थे और यह तय किया गया था कि 1971 के पहले के भी जितने वस्त्रवशज है उनको तोड़ दिया जाए, खत्म कर दिया जाए। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह निर्णय क्या प्रधान मंत्री की मौजूदगी में नहीं हुआ था।

यह जो इम्प्लेमेंटेशन राडी है यह सब तय बन जाएगा ?

क्या आप बोर्ड डेड लाइन फिक्स कर सकते हैं जब तक इन बालोनीज को रेग्युलेराइज कर दिया जाएगा ?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT The decision of demolition was taken at a meeting held in the then Prime Ministers room during the first half

of July 1974 The high level implementation body will be set up very soon.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA Can you fix some deadline for regularisation?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT I cannot give a deadline just now

श्री कान्वर लाल गुप्त क्या मंत्री महोदय एशियोर करेंगे हाउस को कि मास्टर प्लान में बदल होगी और लैंड यूज में भी बदल होगी? शास्त्री नगर जैसी बहुत सी कालोनीज हैं जिन को मास्टर प्लान में रेजीडेंशियल एरिया नहीं बताया गया है लेकिन हा कम से कम सा 5 सत्तर हजार को आवादी है और करोड़ों रुपये लगा हुआ है क्या उन कालोनीज के लैंड यूज को आप चेंज करेंगे और एशियोर करेंगे कि इस प्रकार की जो बड़ी बड़ी कालोनीज है वे डिमालिश नहीं की जाएगी।

कई माफिट वाला को भी पहले बानी सरकार ने हटा कर दूर पैक दिया था जहाँ पर एमनेटीज नहीं है। क्या आपने पता लगाया है कि वहाँ पर क्या क्या एमनेटीज दी जानी चाहिए। वहाँ पानी, सड़कें, ड्रेनेज नहीं हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या आप उनका सर्वे करेंगे और वहाँ जो जरूरी चीजें हैं वे मुहैया करेंगे?

पिछली सरकार ने स्लमज हो हटाया। उन लोगों के पक्के मकान वहाँ पर थे। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उनको वहाँ पर क्वार्टर बना करने से क्वार्टर उनको वहाँ पर दिए जाएंगे?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT With your permission, I have already answered first two questions that the use of the land will be considered on merits and changes will be made in regard to part (c) I have said that the development of unauthorised colonies will be made in accordance with the policy laid down by Government It has also been committed

by the Government that those who have been displaced from residential areas, will be re settled in the same areas

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO After the lifting of the emergency many juggi jhopris have come up in a mushroom way Will the Government see that they will be demolished after providing basic amenities to these people?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT It is receiving the attention of the Government.

पंडित श्री० एन० तिमारी 1975-76 में कई कोलोनीज को बुलडोजर्स ने गिरा दिया गया था और उनमें कुछ मकान अभी स्टैंडिंग हैं। जिनके मकान तोड़ दिये गये उन में से कुछ लोग क दूसरी जगह मकान या जमीन दी गई कुछ को नहीं दी गई। तो क्या मंत्री जी ऐसे कैंसेज को एग्जामिन करेंगे जो जिनके मकान तोड़ दिए गए हैं उनको राहत देने का कुछ इन्जाम करेंगे?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त जी हाँ।

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU Will the Government provide alternative arrangements to the displaced persons?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT Yes

श्री यमुना प्रसाद शास्त्री मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन लोगों के घर गिराये गये हैं उन लोगों को क्या सरकार मुआवजा देने पर विचार कर रही है? और दूसरी बात यह है कि बहुत सी राज्य सरकारों ने भी इस इमरजेंसी के दौरान बिना मुआवजे के निर्णय लिए हुए जबरदस्ती लोगों के घरों को गिरा दिया है। क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार उन राज्य सरकारों को भी यह निर्देश देगी कि जिन लोगों के इस तरह से घर गिराये गये हैं बिना न्यायालयों के आदेश, वे उन लोगों को घर बनाने के लिए और जो घर गिराये गये हैं उनकी क्षतिपूर्ति के लिए राज्य

सरकार समुचित सहायता दे और धतिपूर्ति करे। क्या इस तरह का निर्देश सरकार देने जा रही है ?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त अभी तक मैं इस सवाल को देख नहीं सका हूँ।

श्री उमना प्रसाद शास्त्री जो प्रश्न यहाँ पूछा गया है यह उसी से पैदा होता है।

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त सवाल का पहला यह है कि कुछ लोगों के मकानात को न जायज तौर पर गिराया गया है। इस सवाल के पहलू का एग्जामिन करने की जरूरत है जिसको देखा जाएगा उस के बाद ही मैं कुछ कह सकूंगा।

PROF P G MAVALANKAR I want to know whether it is a fact that nearly a million people are involved in this kind of displacement in view of the large numbers involved may I know whether the Government would see to it that those people who have been evicted from their old places would be brought back in their respective colonies if at all feasible? And with regard to those who will be left out and those who are in the unauthorised colonies will the Government see to it that basic amenities are given to them? Will the Government also see to it that cheap transport facility is available to them so that they can come from long distances to their places of work?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT For the first part figures are not available with me For second and third, yes

श्री हुकुम चंद कटुवाल देश व बड़े बड़े महानगरों में बहुत बड़ी सख्या में ऐसी बस्तियाँ हैं जो गैर-कानूनी हैं, परन्तु उनको बिजली और पानी दिया हुआ है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब वह गैर कानूनी हैं तो उनको बिजली और पानी क्या दिया गया। यदि यह सविधाएँ दी गई हैं

तो क्या सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों को आदेश दिये हैं कि उन्हें अब न उखाड़ा जाये और वहाँ उन्हें मजूरी दी जाये ?

देहातों की जनता अधिकतर शहरी की तरफ भाग रही है इसी कारण इन बस्तियों का निर्माण होता है। क्या सरकार ऐसा कोई प्रयास कर रही है जिससे देहातों में भी अच्छे मकानों का और लोग वहाँ रह सकें और वहाँ उन्हें राजगार आदि भी मिलें ?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त जो आपके सवाल का दूसरा हिस्सा है वह अभी तक मेरी तरफ से नहीं आया है। जहाँ तक आपने सवाल के पहले हिस्से का ताल्लुक है, यह सवाल दिल्ली से ज्यादा संबंधित है।

श्री हुकुम चंद कटुवाल अध्यक्ष महादय, इस प्रश्न में यह वही नहीं लिखा है कि यह दिल्ली से संबंधित है। मंत्री महादय प्रश्न समझे नहीं और वह गलत बयान दें इससे क्या बात बनती है। इस प्रश्न में दिल्ली का कहीं खिन्न नहीं है।

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT The hon Member is correct Sir

श्री एम० राम गोपाल रेड्डी गुजिश्ता इल्लेशन में दिल्ली व निवासियों ने जनता पार्टी को वोट इस उम्मीद पर दिये हैं कि जो लोग दूर दूर चले गये हैं स्लम डवलस रहे हैं उनको उनकी पुरानी बस्तियाँ में लाया जायेगा। मैं मंत्री महादय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि उनकी उस उम्मीद को पूरा करने के लिये क्या किया गया है ? क्या उन बाहर निकाले गये स्लम डवलस को फिर वापस लायेंगे ?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त वे लोग वापस लाये जायेंगे।

श्री मोरेन्द्र प्रसाद मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि मास्टर प्लान के अन्तर्गत कितनी

पैमिलीज के मकानात गिरा दिये गये हैं ? जिनके मकान गिराये गये हैं, उनके लिये सरकार ने क्या व्यवस्था की है और वहाँ की है ?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : जिनकी पैमिलीज के मकानात गिराये गये हैं, उनकी लावारि तो बना नहीं सनता हूँ, लेकिन इतना जरूर किया गया है कि जो रिसेटलमेंट के हालात इस वक़्त हैं, उनको दूरस्त करने की कोशिश की जा रही है। दूसरे यह कि जो रीजिस्ट्रेशन एरियाज के लोग हटाये गये हैं, उनको फिर वहाँ लाकर बसाया जायेगा।

डा० सुशीला नामर : मैं यह जानना चाहती हूँ कि कई जगह जहाँ ये शुम्भी शोपटी बाल थे या इस तरह की अनएथोराइज्ड बस्तियाँ थीं जो उठाई गईं वहाँ पर कुछ समाज सेवी मर्यादा इन के बच्चों की शिक्षा स्वास्थ्य इत्यादि के लिए काम कर रही थी, अब जहाँ वे ले जाए गए हैं वहाँ पर उन मर्यादों को भी जगह मिलनी चाहिए जिस से वे उनकी सेवा कर सकें और वे इस की मांग भी कर रही हैं, तो उस के बारे में मंत्री महोदय कुछ तबज़्जुस देंगे ? वहाँ पर बहुत डिस्क्रिमिनेशन हुआ है। पॉबन्दी की वजह से कुछ को दिया है कुछ को नहीं दिया है।

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : अगर वहाँ उन के पास जगह थी तो यहाँ भी दी जायेगी।

श्री मुहम्मद दाफ़ी कुरैशी : मंत्री महोदय ने अपने जवाब में कहा कि कुछ लोगों को नाज़ायज तरीक़े से हटाया गया है जिस का लाज़िमी नतीजा यह होता है कि कुछ लोग को जायज़ तरीक़े से हटाया गया है। मैंने उन्होंने कहा कि सब को वापस लाया जाएगा। तो क्या जिन को जायज़ तरीक़े से हटाया गया है उन को भी और जिन को नाज़ायज तरीक़े से हटाया गया है उन को भी वापस लाया जायेगा ?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : मैं ने धर्ज किया है कि जो लोग दिल्ली के रीजिस्ट्रेशन एरियाज में हटाए गए हैं उन को उन एरियाज को देखते-पढ़ते के बाद वहाँ बसाया जाएगा।

श्री हयनाथ सिंह यादव : 'मन्त्री महोदय बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि इन एरियाज में जो इन्जिन और मरीज थे उन को बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या इतज़ाम कर रही है ?

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : जो धाम लोगों को बनाने के लिए दंग होगा वहीं उन के लिए भी भरता जाएगा।

श्री सुरेश बिश्म : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि सौन्दर्यकरण के नाम पर दिल्ली के घलावा लखनऊ, बम्बई आदि नगरों में भी मरीजों को उखाड़ दिया गया है तो उन के पुनर्वास की व्यवस्था के लिए क्या वे रभीरता से विचार कर रहे हैं क्योंकि बिना के पुनर्वास की व्यवस्था के लिए सब के आँखें खट्टे करने हैं।

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : मैं ने इस सवाल पर दम पहलू से तो गौर नहीं किया है, लेकिन इस को देखेंगे।

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the hon Minister kindly tell us as to whether he has received any communication from Syed Abdulla Bukhari who spoke for both Hindus and Muslims about rehabilitation and resettlement of those persons who were bulldozed out of Turkman Gate and Ajmal Khan Road, etc. If so what is the text of the communication and what action has been taken?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT. I have not received any communication.

SHRI SOUGATA ROY: I would like to know from the hon Minister whether the area around Jama Masjid, which used to be very unclean and which is a place of worship, is

proposed to be brought back to its original position. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VASANT SATHE He had promised during elections that all those persons who were removed from there would be brought back. He wanted to know when are you going to do it?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT This question does not flow from the original Question. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER The question is clear as to whether you are going to bring back the slums to the original place. Say either 'yes' or 'no'.

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT The changes made around Jama Masjid are of a permanent nature.

DR. BALDEV PRAKASH I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the persons who have been bulldozed out of Delhi will be given built-up constructed houses or plots or loans to build the houses.

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT I have already answered that those areas are going to be re-developed and the persons who were sent away from there are going to be settled in those very spots. There is no question of giving loans to them.

श्री राम कवार बेरवा अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके द्वारा माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन गरीब लोगों को, जोकि विल्टिंग वगैरह का काम करते थे, शहर से दूर ले जाकर 20-22 मीन पर डाल दिया गया है और अगर एक बड़े परिवार में चार परिवार थे तो एक परिवार को एक जगह और दूसरे परिवार को दूसरी जगह रखा गया तो क्या सरकार इस बात का आश्वासन

देगी कि इस प्रकार की कोई बठिनाई होगी तो उनको एक ही कालोनी में मकान देने की व्यवस्था की जायेगी ताकि वे अच्छी तरह रह सकें ?

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT I have not been able to look into that question.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA The whole question involves politics so far as Delhi is concerned.

MR. SPEAKER Why do you want to add it to that?

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA Regarding hut dwellers pavement dwellers and others the previous Government had taken certain steps to see that their conditions of living were ameliorated. The Master Plan was prepared and its implementation was under progress. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the present Government is going to undo the Master Plan prepared by the previous Government to see that the entire question is taken up from the political angle. I would like the hon. Minister to give a categorical assurance that he will not disturb the Master Plan prepared by the previous Government to ameliorate the conditions of living of hut-dwellers pavement dwellers and others.

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT The present Government intends to do much more than what the previous Government had done.

श्री गौरी शंकर राय मान्यवर, इस प्रश्न के संबंध में एक भ्रम पैदा हो गया है। विरोध पक्ष के लोग यह नहीं समझते हैं कि रेजिडेंशल एरिया कौन है। मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ क्या जामा मस्जिद का वह रेजिडेंशल एरिया है जिसमें सबंध में आपने जवाब दिया है? इस बात को मंत्री महोदय स्पष्ट कर दें।

श्री सिक्न्दर बख्त सारी गलतफहमी यही है। जामा मस्जिद का जो एरिया बनाया गया है वह रेजिडेंशियल एरिया नहीं है।

श्री चाद राम मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जिन लोगों का वहाँ से हटाया गया है क्या उनका मकान बना और वजिन्स करन के लिए मानी इमदाद दी जाएगी।

श्री सिक्न्दर बख्त अगर वहाँ रहने के लिए ही मकान बनाय जायेंगे तो मकान बनाने के लिए मानी इमदाद देने का सवाल नहीं उठता है।

11.20 hrs.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE—contd.
CERTAIN REMARKS BY SHRI T N KAUL
ON TELEVISION NETWORK IN USA IN
JULY 1975

MR. SPEAKER On 1st April 1977, Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu sought to raise a question of privilege against Shri T N Kaul the then Ambassador of India in USA, for certain remarks made by him on television network in USA in July, 1975. Shri Bosu stated that Shri Kaul had inter alia said that political leaders had not been jailed but detained in houses.

Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee, the Minister of External Affairs made a statement in the House on 1st April, 1977 in regard thereto. He inter alia, said that clarification had been called for from Shri Kaul and Shri Kaul's contention was that he had no intention of distorting the facts and that his remarks were based on the information then available with him. Shri Kaul also submitted that if his remarks based on incomplete information had hurt anyone, it was unfortunate but he had no intention of making a wrong statement. Shri Vajpayee had stated that the remarks of Shri Kaul were not based on facts.

I have carefully considered the matter. In order to constitute a breach of privilege the impugned statement should relate to the proceedings of the House or to Members in the discharge of their duties as Members of Parliament. It may be seen that the impugned statement of Shri Kaul related to political leaders and not to Members of Parliament as such although Members of Parliament are also political leaders.

Secondly Shri Kaul's remarks were made in July 1975 when the Fifth Lok Sabha was in existence. The matter cannot be raised as a privilege issue in the Sixth Lok Sabha.

In the circumstances no question of privilege is involved in the matter.

11.27 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE
CENTRAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR
LIGHTHOUSES (PROCEDURAL) RULES
1976 SEAMEN'S P.F. (AMDT) SCHEME
1970 SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT FUND
COMMITTEE (E.C.P.F.) RULES, 1976 AN
NUAL REPORTS OF POOMPUR SHIPPI-
NG CORP. MADRAS FOR 1970 & 1976 AN
NUAL REPORTS OF SHIPPING DEVELOP-
MENT FUND COMMITTEE FOR 1974-75 AND
1975-76 NOTIFICATIONS re TAMIL NADU
MOTOR VEHICLES RULES AND STATE
MENTS

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI
MORARJI DESAI) I beg to lay on
the Table—

- (1) A copy of the Central Advisory Committee for Lighthouses (Procedural) Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. G.S.R. 1734 in Gazette of India dated the 11th December, 1976 under sub-section (3) of section 21 of the Indian Lighthouses Act, 1927 [Placed in Library See No. LT-164/77]

- (2) A copy of the Seamen's Provident Fund (Amendment) Scheme, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 1284 in Gazette of India dated the 4th September, 1976 under section 24 of the Seamen's Provident Fund Act, 1966 [Placed in Library See No LT 165/77]
- (3) A copy of the Shipping Development Fund Committee (Employees' Contributory Provident Fund) Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR No 93 in Gazette of India dated the 15th January 1977, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 [Placed in Library See No LT-166/77]
- (4) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu —
- (a) Annual Report of the Poompuhar Shipping Corporation, Madras for the period ended 31st March, 1975 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
- (b) Annual Report of the Poompuhar Shipping Corporation, Madras for the period ended 31st March, 1976 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
- (5) Two statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in reports mentioned at (4) (a) and (b) above [Placed in Library. See No. LT-167/77]
- (6) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (6) of section 16 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 —
- (i) Annual Report of the Shipping Development Fund Committee for the year 1974-75 along with the Audited Accounts
- (ii) Annual Report of the Shipping Development Fund Committee for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts
- (7) Two statements (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the reports mentioned at (6) above [Placed in Library See No LT-168/77]
- (8) A copy each of the following Notification (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 133 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu —
- (i) GO Ms 2241 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 29th September, 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940
- (ii) GO Ms 2579 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 18th October, 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940

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- (iii) GO Ms 2614 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 10th November 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules 1940
- (iv) GO Ms 2668 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 17th November, 1976 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Accidents Claims Tribunals Rules, 1961
- (v) GO Ms 66 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 26th January 1977 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Rules 1940
- (9) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the Notification mentioned at (8) above [Placed in Library See No LT 169/77]

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETS ACT 1959 AND STATEMENT

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL) I beg to lay on the Table --

A copy each of the following Notifications under sub section (4) of section 29 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Markets Act 1959 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu.--

(i) Memo. No 69404/AMI/73-3 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 13th August, 1975

(ii) Memo No 100402/AMI/73-3 published in Tamil Nadu Govern-

ment Gazette dated in 13th August, 1975

(iii) GO Ms No 759 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 19th May, 1978

(iv) Memo No 76441/AMI/76-3 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 20th October 1976

(v) GO Ms No 1903 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 20th October, 1976

(vi) GO Ms No 1009 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 20th October, 1976

(vii) GO Ms No 1923 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 27th October 1976

(viii) GO Ms No 1941 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 10th November, 1976

(ix) GO Ms. No 1969 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 27th October, 1976

(x) GO Ms 1982 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 3rd November, 1976

(xi) Memo No 49234/AMI/75-II in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 10th November, 1976

(xii) GO Ms No 2063 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 10th November 1976

(xiii) GO Ms. 2974 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 17th November, 1976

(xiv) GO Ms 2093 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 17th November, 1976

(xv) GO Ms No 2107 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 19th November, 1976

(xvi) GO Ms. No 2126 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 24th November, 1976

(xvii) GO Ms No 2235 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 15th December 1976

(xviii) GO Ms No 2335 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 29th December 1976

(xix) GO Ms No 2353 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 5th January 1977

(2) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi versions of the above Notification. [Placed in Library See No LT-170/77]

MR. SPEAKER Item No 4 Shri Bahuguna

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) With your permission Sir

AN HON MEMBER Where is the permission?

(Interruptions)

REVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT OF INDO-BURMA PETROLEUM CO LTD., CALCUTTA FOR 1975-76

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT On behalf of Shri HN Bahuguna, I beg to lay on the Table —

A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act 1956 —

(1) Review by the Government on the working of the Indo-Burma Petroleum Company Limited Calcutta for the year 1975-76

(2) Annual Report of the Indo-Burma Petroleum Company Limited Calcutta for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-171/77]

MR. SPEAKER Normally the Ministers write to me when they are not here That is the normal practice I hope it will not happen next time

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER URBAN LAND (CEILING AND REGULATION) ACT 1976 TAMIL NADU URBAN LAND (CEILING AND REGULATION) ACT 1976 TAMIL NADU SLUM AREAS (IMPROVEMENT AND CLEARANCE) ACT TAMIL NADU REQUISITIONING AND ACQUISITION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) ACT 1977 AND NOTIFICATIONS UNDER TAMIL NADU URBAN LAND TAX ACT 1966 AND STATEMENTS

SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT I beg to lay on the Table

(1) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 46 of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act 1976

(i) The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Eighth Amendment Rules, 1976 published in Notification No GSR. 33 in Gazette of India dated the 1st January 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

(ii) GSR 34 published in Gazette of India dated the 1st January 1977 containing corrigendum to Notification No GSR. 1261 published in Gazette of India dated the 28th August 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum

(iii) S.O 38 published in Gazette of India dated the 1st January, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

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(iv) The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Ninth Amendment Rules, 1976 published in Notification No GSR 958(E) in Gazette of India dated the 29th December 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(v) S.O 463 published in Gazette of India dated the 5th February, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum.

(vi) The Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Tenth Amendment Rules, 1977 published in Notification No GSR 183 in Gazette of India dated the 5th February 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum. [Placed in Library See No LT 172/77]

(2) A copy each of the following Notification under sub-section (3) of section 45 of the Tamil Nadu Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu —

(i) S.R.O A-387(C) 76 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 19th October, 1976

(ii) G.O Ms No 2275 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 24th November, 1976

(iii) S.R.O A-478(a) 76 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 23rd December, 1976

(iv) S.R.O A-39(b) 77 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 22nd February, 1977

(3) Four statements (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi versions of the Notifications at (2) above [Placed in Library See No LT 173/77]

(4) A copy each of the following Notification under sub-section (2) of section 70 of the Tamil Nadu Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1971 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu —

(i) G.O Ms. 43 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 11th February 1976 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Non-Technical Subordinate Service Rules 1972

(ii) G.O Ms 44 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 11th February 1976 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Non-Technical Subordinate Service Rules, 1972

(iii) G.O Ms 689 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 9th June 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Non Technical Subordinate Service Rules 1972.

(iv) G.O Ms 752 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 23rd June, 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Non-Technical Subordinate Service Rules 1972

(v) G.O Ms 753 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 23rd June, 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Engineering Officers Service Rules, 1972

(vi) G.O Ms 843 dated the 16th June 1976 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Non Technical Officers Service Rules, 1972.

(vii) GO Ms 908 dated the 24th June, 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Non-Technical Subordinate Service Rules, 1972

(viii) GO Ms 1050 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 11th August, 1976 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Service Rules, 1972

(ix) GO Ms. 1207 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 15th October, 1976

(5) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi versions of the Notifications at (4) above [Placed in Library See No LT—174/77]

(6) A copy of the Tamil Nadu Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Act, 1977, (President's Act, No 6 of 1977) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 4th March 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT—175/77]

(7) A copy each of the following Notifications under sub-section (2) of section 45 of the Tamil Nadu Urban Land Tax Act 1966 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu —

(i) GO Ms No 2014 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 1st October, 1975

(ii) GO Ms 2015 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 1st October, 1975

(iii) GO Ms No 2084 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 29th October, 1975

(iv) SRO A 192/76 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 16th June 1976

(8) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi version of the Notification at (7) above [Placed in Library See No LT—176/77]

REPORT ON GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES (1970—72), HIGH COURT OF RAJASTHAN (ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT BENCH AT JAIPUR) ORDER, 1976 COMPANIES (ACCEPTANCE OF DEPOSITS) 3RD AMDT RULES, 1976 AND DELIMITATION OF COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES (UP) AMDT ORDER, 1977

THE MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) I beg to lay on the Table —

(1) (a) A copy of the Report on the General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies in India (1970—72) Volume—II (Statistical)

(b) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the above Report [Placed in Library See No LT—177/77]

(3) A copy of the High Court of Rajasthan (Establishment of a Permanent Bench at Jaipur) Order 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G.S.R 911(E) in Gazette of India dated the 8th December 1976, issued under section 51 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 [Placed in Library See No LT—178/77]

(4) A copy of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Third Amendment Rules, 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G.S.R 965(E) in Gazette of India dated the 31st December, 1976 under sub-section (3) of section 642 of the Companies Act 1956 [Placed in Library See No LT—179/77]

(5) A copy of the Delimitation of Council Constituencies (Uttar Pra-

desh) Amendment Order 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 123(E) in Gazette of India dated the 23rd March 1977 under sub-section (3) of section 13 of the Representation of the People Act 1950 [Placed in Library See No LT-180/77]

CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING, BOMBAY FOR 1975-76 ANNUAL REPORT OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS TRAINING INSTITUTE (EASTERN REGION) CALCUTTA FOR 1975-76 ETC ETC.

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE
(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA CHUD-
DER) I beg to lay on the Table

(1) (i) A copy of the Certified Accounts of the National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering Bombay for the year 1975-76

(ii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the above Accounts [Placed in Library See No LT-181/77]

(2) Annual report (Hindi and English versions) of the Technical Teachers Training Institute (Eastern Region) Calcutta for the year 1975-76 [Placed in Library See No LT 182/77]

(3) Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Technical Teachers Training Institute (Western Region) Bhopal, for the year 1975-76 [Placed in Library See No LT 183/77]

(4) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Council of Historical Research for the year 1974-75 under rule 45 of the Memorandum of Association and Rules of the Indian Council of Historical Research [Placed in Library See No LT-184/77]

(5) A copy of the Certified Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Council of Historical Research for the year 1974-75 under rule 44(d) of the Memorandum of Association and Rules of the Indian Council of Historical Research [Placed in Library See No LT-185/77]

(6) A copy of the University Grants Commission (Fitness of Certain Universities for Grant) Amendment Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 1747 in Gazette of India dated the 18th December 1976 under sub-section (3) of section 25 of the University Grants Commission Act 1956 [Placed in Library See No LT 186/77]

(7) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the School of Planning and Architecture New Delhi for the year 1975-76 [Placed in Library See No LT 187/77]

(8) A copy of the Certified Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi for the year 1974-75 [Placed in Library See No LT-188/77]

(9) A copy each of the following papers under sub-section (4) of section 23 of the Institutes of Technology Act 1961 —

(i) Certified Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi for the year 1974-75 along with the Audit Report thereon (Hindi version)

(ii) Certified Accounts of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audit Report thereon

(10) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the document mentioned at 9(ii) above [Placed in Library See No LT-189/77]

(11) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 54 of the Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Act, 1976 read with clause (c)(iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu

(i) The Tamil Nadu Private Colleges (Regulation) Rules, 1976, published in Notification No GO Ms 1285 in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 25th June, 1976

(ii) GO Ms No 1286 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 25th June, 1976

(iii) GO Ms No 1287 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 25th June, 1976

(iv) GO Ms No 2316 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 3rd November, 1976

(v) GO Ms No 2477 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 1st December, 1976 [Placed in Library See No LT-190/77]

(12) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, for the year 1975-76.

(ii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the above report. [Placed in Library See No LT-191/77]

(13) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta for the year 1975-76 within a period of 9 months after the close of the accounting year [Placed in Library See No LT-192/77]

(14) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, for the year 1975-76. [Placed in Library See No LT-193/77]

(15) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad for the year 1975-76

(ii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the above Report [Placed in Library See No LT-194/77]

VEGETABLE OIL PRODUCT PROCEDURES (REGULATION AND REFINED OIL MANUFACTURE) AUDIT ORDER, 1977, TAMIL NADU COOP SOCIETIES (AMDT) ACT, 1977, TAMIL NADU COOP LAND DEVELOPMENT BANK (AMDT) ACT, 1977, ETC. ETC

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P RAMACHANDRAN) On behalf of Shri Mohan Dharja, I beg to lay on the Table

(1) A copy of the Vegetable Oil Product Producers (Regulation of Refined Oil Manufacture) Amendment Order, 1977 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No GSR 103(E) in Gazette of India dated the 2nd March, 1977, under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 [Placed in Library See No LT-195/77]

(2) A copy each of the following President's Acts (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976

(i) The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 1977 (President's Act No 1 of 1977) published in Gazette of India dated the 10th January, 1977

(ii) The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Land Development Banks (Amendment) Act, 1977 (President's Act No. 2 of

1977) published in Gazette of India dated the 10th January, 1977. [Placed in Library See No LT-196/77]

(3) (i) A copy of the Annual Report of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation Limited Madras for the year 1973-74, along with the Audited Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon under sub-section (3) of section 619A of the Companies Act 1956 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu

(ii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi version of the above Report [Placed in Library See No LT 197/77]

(4) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 119 of the Tamil Nadu Co operative Societies Act 1961 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu

(i) G.O.Ms No 549 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 18th August, 1976

(ii) G.O.Ms No 550 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 18th August, 1976

(iii) G.O.Ms No 731 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 10th November, 1976

(iv) G.O.Ms No 844 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 22nd December, 1976

(v) G.O.Ms No 843 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 22nd December, 1976

(vi) G.O.Ms No 18 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 8th January, 1976 [Placed in Library See No LT-198/77]

(5) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (2) of section 38A of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Land Development Banks Act 1934 read with clause (c) (iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu

(i) G.O.Ms No 826 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 15th December, 1976

(ii) G.O.Ms No 36 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 9th February, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-199/77]

(6) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the Notifications mentioned at (4) and (5) above [Placed in Library See No LT-200/77]

(7) A copy of the Audit Report (Hindi and English versions) on the Accounts of the Tea Board for the year 1974-75 along with the statement of Accounts [Placed in Library See No LT-201/77]

(8) A copy of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 —

(i) Review by the Government on the working of the State Trading Corporation of India Limited New Delhi, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the State Trading Corporation of India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1975-76 along with the Audited Accounts and the

comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. [Placed in Library See No LT 202/77]

(9) A copy of the Tobacco Board (Second Amendment) Rules 1976 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No G S R 1576 in Gazette of India dated the 6th November 1976 under sub-section (3) of section 32 of the Tobacco Board Act 1975 [Placed in Library See No LT-203/77]

(10) (i) A copy of Notification No G O Ms 279 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 12th May 1976 making certain amendment to the Tamil Nadu Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules 1967 under section 43 of the Tamil Nadu Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act 1958

(ii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) explaining reasons for not laying the Hindi version of the above Notification

(iii) A statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the Notification mentioned at (i) above [Placed in Library See No LT-204/77]

(11) A copy of the Certified Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the National Co-operative Development Corporation New Delhi for the year 1975-76 together with the Audit Report thereon under sub-section (4) of section 17 of the National Co-operative Development Corporation Act 1962 [Placed in Library See No LT 205/77]

(12) A copy of the Certified Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Cardamom Board Ernakulam for the year 1975-76 and the Audit Report thereon under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Cardamom Act 1965 [Placed in Library See No LT-206/77]

MR SPEAKER I wish you had come in time

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) I am extremely sorry

MR SPEAKER Item No 9

SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER Sir Mr Purushottam Kaushik has already taken your permission He is in the Rajya Sabha

MR. SPEAKER Yes he has written to me

ANNUAL REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA FOR 1975-76 WITH CERTIFIED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-3-1976 ANNUAL REPORTS OF AIR INDIA AND INDIAN AIR LINES FOR 1975-76 ETC ETC

SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER On behalf of Shri Purushottam Kaushik I beg to lay on the Table

(1) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the International Airports Authority of India for the year 1975-76 under sub-section (2) of section 25 of the International Airports Authority Act 1971 [Placed in Library See No LT 207/77]

(2) A copy of the Certified Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the International Airports Authority of India for the year ended 31st March 1976 together with the Audit Report thereon under sub-section (4) of section 24 of the International Airports Authority Act 1971 [Placed in Library See No LT-208/77]

(3) A copy each of the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (2) of section 37 of the Air Corporations Act 1953

(i) Annual Report of the Air India for the year 1975-76

- (ii) Annual Report of the Indian Airlines for the year 1975-76 [Placed in Library See No LT-209/77]

(4) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 15 of the Air Corporations Act 1953

- (i) Certified Accounts of the Air India for the year 1975-76 together with the Audit Report thereon

- (ii) Certified Accounts of the Indian Airlines for the year 1975-76 together with the Audit Report thereon [Placed in Library See No LT-210/77]

(5) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 14A of the Aircraft Act 1934 —

- (i) The Aircraft (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No G S R 1739 in Gazette of India dated the 11th December, 1976 together with an Explanatory Note

- (ii) The Aircraft (Amendment) Rules 1977 published in Notification No G S R 48(E) in Gazette of India dated the 29th January 1977 together with an Explanatory Note

- (iii) The Aircraft (Second Amendment) Rules 1977 published in Notification No G S R 19(E) dated the 31st January, 1977 together with an Explanatory Note [Placed in Library See No. LT-211/77]

REPORT OF C. & A G OF INDIA FOR 1975-76 UNION GOVT (CIVIL) FOR 1976 (COMMERCIAL), UNION GOVT APPRO-

PRIATION ACCOUNTS (CIVIL) FOR 1975-76 NOTIFICATIONS UNDER CUSTOMS ACT, 1962, ETC ETC

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H M PATEL) I beg to lay on the Table

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under article 151(1) of the Constitution

- (i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1975-76, Union Government (Civil)

- (ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1976—Union Government (Commercial)—Part II—Central Fisheries Corporation Limited. [Placed in Library See No LT-212/77]

(2) A copy of the Union Government Appropriation Accounts (Civil) for the year 1975-76 (Hindi and English versions) [Placed in Library See No LT-213/77]

(3) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962

- (i) G S R 134(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 29th March 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

- (ii) G S R 135(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 29th March, 1977 containing corrigendum to Notification No G S R 711(E) dated the 2nd August, 1976

- (iii) G S R 146(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st March, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

- (iv) G S R 147(E) published in Gazette of India dated the

31st March, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

(v) G S R 148(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st March, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

(vi) G S R 149(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st March, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

(vii) G S R 150(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st March, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

(viii) G S R 151(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 31st March, 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum

(ix) G S R. 166(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st April 1977 together with an explanatory memorandum [Placed in Library See No LT-214|77]

(4) A copy of Notification No G S R. 153(E) (Hindi and English versions) published in Gazette of India dated the 1st April, 1977 issued under the Central Excise Rules 1944 together with an explanatory memorandum. [Placed in Library See No LT-215|77]

(5) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under section 53 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944

(i) The Central Excise (Twenty-eighth Amendment) Rules, 1976 published in Notification No G S R. 937(E) in Gazette of India dated the 21st December, 1976 together with an explanatory memorandum

(ii) The Central Excise (Third Amendment) Rules, 1977 published in Notification No G S R 88(E) in Gazette of India dated the 25th February, 1977

(iii) The Central Excise (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 1977 published in Notification No G S R 165(E) in Gazette of India dated the 1st April, 1977

(iv) The Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules 1977 published in Notification No G S R 443 in Gazette of India dated the 2nd April, 1977 [Placed in Library See No LT-216|77]

(6) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (5) of section 53 of the Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Act, 1959 read with clause (c)(iv) of the Proclamation dated the 31st January, 1976 issued by the President in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu

(i) G O Ps 145 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 23rd February, 1977 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Rules 1959

(ii) G O Ps 77 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 9th March, 1977

(iii) G O Ps 162 published in Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 9th March 1977 making certain amendments to the Tamil Nadu General Sales Tax Rules 1959 [Placed in Library See No LT-217|77]

(7) A copy of Notification No F 4(2)/76-Fin(G) (Hindi and English versions) Published in Delhi Gazette dated the 24th March, 1977, under section 72 of the Delhi Sales Tax Act, 1975 [Placed in Library See No. LT-218,77]

REVIEWS AND ANNUAL REPORTS OF
BHARAT OPHTHALMIC GLASS LTD. DURGAPUR
TUNGABHADRA STEEL PRODUCTS
LTD FOR 1975-76, ETC ETC

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री बृजलाल शर्मा) :
मैं अपनी सन्निधिपत्र, 1956 की धारा
619A की उपधारा (1) के अन्तर्गत निम्न-
लिखित पत्रा (हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी संस्करण)
की एक-एक प्रति सभा पटल पर रखा हूँ —

(1) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Bharat Oph-
thalmic Glass Limited Durgapur, for
No LT 219/77]

(ii) Annual Report of the Bharat
Ophthalmic Glass Limited, Durgapur
for the year 1975-76 along with the
Audited Accounts and the comments
of the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon [Placed in Library See
No LT 219/77]

(2) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Tungabhadra
Steel Products Limited for the year
1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Tunga-
bhadra Steel Products Limited for the
year 1975-76 along with the Audited
Accounts and the comments of the
Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon. [Placed in Library See
No LT 220/77]

(3) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Cement Cor-
poration of India Limited, New Delhi,
for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Cement
Corporation of India Limited, New
Delhi, for the year 1975-76 along with
the Audited Accounts and the com-
ments of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon. [Placed in Library
See No LT-221/77]

(4) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Bharat Heavy
Plate and Vessels Limited, Visakhap-
atnam, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Bharat
Heavy Plate and Vessels Limited
Visakhapatnam, for the year 1975-76
along with the Audited Accounts and

the comments of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon. [Placed in
Library See No LT-222/77]

(5) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Hindustan
Machine Tools Limited, Bangalore for
the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Hindustan
Machine Tools Limited, Bangalore, for
the year 1975-76 along with the Au-
dited Accounts and the comments of
the Comptroller and Auditor General
thereon [Placed in Library See No
LT-223/77]

(6) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Triveni Struc-
turals Limited, Naini, Allahabad, for
the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Triveni
Structurals Limited, Naini, Allahabad,
for the year 1975-76 along with the
Audited Accounts and the comments
of the Comptroller and Auditor Gen-
eral thereon [Placed in Library See
No LT-224/77]

(7) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Mining and
Allied Machinery Corporation Limited,
Durgapur, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Mining
and Allied Machinery Corporation Lim-
ited, Durgapur, for the year 1975-76
along with the Audited Accounts and
the comments of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [Placed in
Library See No LT-225/77]

(8) (i) Review by the Government
on the working of the Bharat Pumps
and Compressors Limited, Naini, Alla-
habad, for the year 1975-76

(ii) Annual Report of the Bharat
Pumps and Compressors Limited,
Naini Allahabad, for the year 1975-76
along with the Audited Accounts and
the comments of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon. [Placed in
Library See No LT-226/77]

11.29-3/4 hrs.

ASSENT TO BILLS

SECRETARY-GENERAL Sir, I lay on the Table following ten Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the current session and assented to since a report was last made to the House on the 29th March 1977

- (1) The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1977
- (2) The Appropriation Bill 1977
- (3) The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 1977
- (4) The Appropriation (Railways) Bill 1977
- (5) The Tamil Nadu Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1977
- (6) The Tamil Nadu Appropriation Bill, 1977
- (7) The Nagaland Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1977
- (8) The Nagaland Appropriation Bill, 1977
- (9) The Pondicherry Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill 1977
- (10) The Pondicherry Appropriation Bill, 1977

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11.30 hrs.

PETITION RE CONDUCT OF CHIEF MINISTER CERTAIN MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS OF ANDHRA PRADESH

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) Sir, I beg to present a petition signed by Shri Konda Lakshman Bapuji and twenty-one other members of Andhra Pradesh Legislature in respect of the conduct of the Chief Minister, certain Ministers and Government officials of Andhra Pradesh. (Interruptions)

SHRI K LAKKAPPA (Tumkur):
On a point of order

MR. SPEAKER What is your point of order?

SHRI K LAKKAPPA This is under rule 160 There are certain rules laid down for submitting a petition Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu in his petition has raised an objectionable matter It pertains to the functioning of the States The Chief Minister certain Ministers and Government officials of Andhra Pradesh have been involved in this petition Rule 160 clearly says in sub-section (b)

'any matter of general public interest provided that it is not one—

(b) which should ordinarily be raised in a State Legislature'

The subject-matter of this petition relates to the conduct of the Chief Minister certain Ministers and Government officials of Andhra Pradesh It pertains to the State Legislature Therefore my submission is that ordinarily, this can be raised only in the Legislative Assembly there (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER Please sit down I have heard your point of order You have yourself said 'ordinarily' Next item

SHRI K LAKKAPPA What is your ruling Sir?

MR. SPEAKER No ruling is required You have yourself said that 'ordinarily' it should be raised in the State Legislature (Interruptions)

All of you may please sit down. It has been raised not once, but many times It is not a new thing I have not created any precedent here It has been raised here earlier also Whether it will be discussed or not is a different matter But I cannot prevent a Member from raising it

Mr Charan Singh (*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER I had gone to Item 14. Everything was over and the Home Minister was on his legs and then it is not proper to go on shouting like this.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) I appeal to my friends on both sides to observe some decorum. I am not referring to any hon. Member individually. It is not for individual Members to regulate each other. I shall be very thankful to all the hon. Members if they refrain from regulating all these matters between themselves. I would seek the cooperation of the whole House in this matter.

MR SPEAKER I am glad that the Prime Minister has made this request. I do not think all of us could hear what was said after the Home Minister got up. I appeal to both sides not to indulge in cross discussion, because then the trouble starts.

11.36 hrs.

STATEMENT RE PROPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT TO ORDER INQUIRY INTO EXCESSES COMMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF EMER- GENCY

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) Sir, we have recently passed through one of the darkest periods of our history. The events following the proclamation of emergency have been a traumatic experience for all those who cherish the high ideals of our founding fathers and leaders of our struggle for independence. This is not so because some of us have undergone personal suffering but because we saw before our own eyes the defilement of all the values for which we have lived and struggled. It is indeed a tribute to the political maturity of the people that there has been a peaceful

and orderly change and that we have now an opportunity to undo the wrongs of the past. We will, however, be failing in our duty if we do not take positive steps to ensure that the events of the recent past are not repeated in future and to expose the abuse of power by a handful of people who had unleashed untold repression and terror on the Nation.

Besides changes in the Constitution and other laws, this objective can be achieved only by bringing to book all those who are guilty of excesses, malpractices and misdeeds during the emergency, from the highest political authority down to the lowest functionary of the Government. We are not acting in a spirit of revenge or in anger (*Interruptions*) but only redeeming our pledge to the people and fulfilling their mandate (*Shri A. Lakshmi*). All the guilty men are now in the Government. Even otherwise it is only fair that those who are guilty, do not escape punishment. We want this to be a lesson to all so that in future none may ever misuse authority for personal ends.

We are aware that a large number of officials acted out of fear and under trying circumstances. We have therefore no intention of being vindictive. Nor would we allow any kind of witch hunt. But those few who going on of their way indulged in excesses to please others cannot be allowed to escape the consequences.

The list of misdeeds of the emergency is indeed very large. There have been a large number of cases of gross abuse of the powers of arrest and detention. There have been instances of maltreatment and atrocities on detenus and political prisoners. There has been compulsion and use of force in the implementation of the Family Planning programme leading to a number of violent incidents. In the name of the beautification of cities, there have been illegal demolitions leaving thousands homeless and taking them miles away from their

vocation (Shri K. Lakappa
You have no sympathy for hut
dwellers) Eversince we assumed
office we have been giving anxious
consideration to this matter Keeping
in view the importance of the subject
and the anxiety of the Members of
the House I thought it appropriate to
make a statement defining Govern-
ment's thinking on the subject

We propose to appoint a Commis-
sion of Inquiry under the Commissions
of Inquiry Act 1952 to look into all
complaints of excesses, malpractices
abuse of authority during the emer-
gency and all matters related thereto
The Commission of Inquiry
(Shri Vayalar Ravi of your
choice) will be headed by an
eminent judge The exact terms of
reference and the mode of inquiry
will also be determined after taking
into consideration the advice of the
Chairman of the proposed Commis-
sion of Inquiry

We have already received some
specific allegation which *prima facie*
seem to deserve an inquiry However
it is likely that due to the fear psy-
chosis created during the emergency
most people suffered in silence and
did not have the courage to represent
their grievances It is intended hence
that the Commission should be in a
position to invite specific complaints
within a specified time limit and
decide which of such allegations
should be inquired into We would
expect the Commission to give its
findings within a period of six
months Also we hope that the Commis-
sion will be able to give interim
reports which may enable us
to initiate follow up action even
before the receipt of the final report.

It is my ardent hope that our
policy will be welcomed by all sec-
tions of the House In particular, I
will request Honourable Members to
extend all possible assistance to the
proposed Commission to enable it to
discharge its onerous responsibilities

SOME HON MEMBERS rose—

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYYA
(Serampore) One submission Sir, is
it a fact

MR SPEAKER No please I will
have to ask you to resume your seat
I am on my legs You cannot stand
also Please resume your seat
(Interruptions) Nothing will be taken
down

11 43 hrs

STATEMENT RE PROPOSAL OF
GOVERNMENT TO ORDER IN-
QUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF
DACOIT SUNDER SINGH IN THE
CUSTODY OF DELHI POLICE

THE MINISTER OF HOME AF-
FAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN
SINGH) Sir some doubts have been
expressed regarding circumstances
leading to the death of Shri Sunder
Singh, who was in the custody of the
Delhi Police in connection with a
case under the Indian Arms Act It
is said that he was escorted to the
Tughlakabad Fort area on 24.11.1976
and some arms and ammunition were
recovered on the basis of the infor-
mation disclosed by him Another
case u/s 25/26/27/54/59 of the Indian
Arms Act was registered at PS
Kalkaji Delhi vide FIR No 807 dated
25.11.1976 After the recovery when
the police party was returning to
the East District of Delhi in early
hours of the morning one of the
wheels of the vehicle in which Shri
Sunder Singh was being escorted is
said to have got punctured near the
cremation ground Geeta Colony The
driver stopped the vehicle Other
members of the party also came down
to help the driver Shri Sunder Singh
is said to have sought permission to
ease himself In order to enable him
to answer the call of nature one of
his hands was released from the
hand-cuffs Taking advantage of the
darkness and the fact that he was at
that time escorted by one SI and one
Constable only he is reported to have

[Chaudhuri Charan Singh]

jerked himself free of the chain tied to the policeman's belt. He is said to have run towards the river. In the early hours of the morning of 20th November, 1976, the police found his body and took it to the hospital where he was declared dead. An inquest into his death was conducted by a magistrate. The post mortem was conducted by Dr Vishnu Kumar of the Maulana Azad College New Delhi.

The CBI has been asked to enquire into the death of Shri Surder Singh. Necessary instructions in this regard were issued on 30.3.1977. The allegation made in certain quarters that the sister of Shri Surder Singh had earlier been raped or molested at a Police Station in Haryana will also be looked into.

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER You have a right to raise a discussion. I do not shut down discussion from any side. But the procedure must be followed. The procedure is that you write to the Speaker. We will have discussion.

The moment the statement is made if people on one side begin getting up, the people on the other side will also get up. It may not be satisfactory.

You write to me pointing out that such and such a thing is not satisfactory. I want to have discussion on that. I will have discussion with the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs. That must be done. Therefore don't go on like this. It is not proper. If anybody does it, I would say, don't record it. I will be helpless. I will be sitting helplessly in my seat. One Member seeks clarification. If 400 members seek clarification where are we to go? You may write to the Speaker; you may ask for a debate. We shall have to proceed in an orderly way.

Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu, your point is as good as what Mr Kalyanasundaram is saying. What I say about him applies to you also.

Nothing is being recorded. I am not allowing you. Everybody will try to copy Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu. The moment you do it, other hon. Members will try to copy you. The rule is there for everybody. The rule-book can be quoted by everybody. There will be no end to it. What I told to Mr Kalyanasundaram applies to you also. Please write to me. If there is anything I will look into it. When I say 'write to me' I mean, not Sanjiva Reddy, but too the Chair.

If I go on giving assurance to everybody there will be no end to it. I am not going to answer. There cannot be any discussion between the Chair and the member.
Mr Advani.

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH
Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu was referring to a Resolution.

MR SPEAKER He was referring to something else. You will have to answer that also. You will have to answer both. Therefore, don't answer anything. (Interruptions)

Order please. Why do you shout? He has not answered anything.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) The proceedings of the House are to be regulated by the Chair, and not to be regulated by Members like this.

MR SPEAKER Shri Advani to make statement.

11 52 hrs.

STATEMENT RE FORMATION AND
FUNCTION OF SAMACHAR AND ITS
FUTURE

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI). Sir, I consider it necessary to make a statement on the formation and functions of Sama-

char' and its future, as Hon Members are aware that this news agency has been the subject matter of widespread criticism.

My predecessor had in his statement in the Lok Sabha on January 21, 1976 justified the formation of a single news agency and said that Government had noted it with satisfaction that the managements of PTI, UNI Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharti had passed resolutions supporting the idea of a single and strong national news agency. He had also said that the managements of these agencies had proposed to merge themselves into a single agency and that Government would be prepared to assist in this process in different ways.

A Society named Samachar was registered on January 24 1976 with 12 members of the Managing Committee including Shri G Kasturi, Editor, 'Hindu' as its Chairman. The four erstwhile news agencies decided to accept the bye-line of Samachar with effect from February, 1 1976 and adopted resolutions transferring 'their assets and liabilities as also their functions and personnel to Samachar with effect from April 2, 1976. Samachar thereupon bought the shares of the PTI UNI Hindustan Samachar; while the shares of Samachar Bharati which were held by the State Governments of Mysore, Gujarat, Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh were gifted to Samachar in response to the requests of Chairman of Samachar.

To bring about complete integration of the four agencies Samachar appointed three Committees one each on (a) personnel, (b) rate structure and (c) administrative code and bye laws. These committees were respectively headed by Shri R. P. Billimoria who is now Chairman of SAIL, Dr Ram S. Tarneja, Associate General Manager of M/s Bennett Coleman and Times of India, and Shri P. C. Gupta Managing Editor, 'Jagran', Kanpur. Some of the recommendations of the committee

dealing with the integration of personnel have already been accepted by Samachar and the pay scales of its employees rationalised and made uniform with effect from July 1, 1976.

I have mentioned earlier that my predecessor had stated in this House that Government would be prepared to assist the managements of the four erstwhile news agencies in the process of merger in different ways. Besides making *ad hoc* grants in-aid of Rs 50 lakhs in two instalments to enable Samachar to tide over its unsatisfactory financial situation Government had persuaded the State Governments to gift their shares of Samachar Bharati to Samachar. Government had also guided the Managing Committee of Samachar in taking policy decisions. To this extent, the autonomy of the Society was severely limited and, therefore, the criticisms about the functioning of Samachar are valid.

I want to assure the House that the present Government is committed to ensuring freedom of the Press which naturally includes freedom and autonomy of a news agency. I have therefore decided to constitute a committee of experts to examine and report on the future of Samachar within one month. The constitution of such a committee has been considered necessary, as pre-emptive dissolution of Samachar and its reversion to the erstwhile four news agencies are likely to create some problems, particularly in regard to the personnel who have been brought on a uniformity higher scales of pay and emoluments. Honble Members will agree with me that the interests of the employees have to be protected while ensuring complete freedom of news agencies from Government influence or control.

As Hon'ble Members are aware, Samachar in its capacity as the single news-agency has become a member of the News Agencies Pool of the non-aligned countries.

[Shri L K Advani]

and entered into bilateral arrangements with a number of news agencies of the non aligned countries for mutual exchange of news. Also, India was elected as the Chairman of the Coordination Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the non-aligned countries at the Conference of the Information Ministers of non-aligned countries held in Delhi in July 1976. This post was held by Shri Mohammad Yunus in his capacity as a member of the Managing Committee of the Samachar. He has since resigned from the Managing Committee. The Committee of experts will examine how India will continue to function as the Chairman of the Coordination Committee and in what manner arrangements will be made with foreign news agencies for exchange of information.

Today Samachar enjoys total monopoly of collection and dissemination of news within the country and abroad. The Committee of Experts will review this position and make suitable recommendations in the light of Government's policy as briefly outlined above.

12.00 hrs

STATEMENT RE ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

PANDIT D N TIWARY (Gopalganj) Mr Speaker, Sir, in the election for the Sixth Lok Sabha more than 400 new Members have been elected. The Lok Sabha Secretariat had made arrangements for temporarily accommodating the new Members of Lok Sabha in Vithalbhai Patel House, Western Court Hostel, Lodhi and Ranjit Hotels besides in various State Guest Houses located in Delhi, as most of the Members Pool accommodation continued in the occupation of ex-Members. Besides, the Directorate of Estates had also placed a few residential units temporarily at the disposal of the Secretariat and the House Committee on request for temporary allotment to

Members. As soon as some flats became vacant, the House Committee decided to allot these houses on the basis of the following priorities —

- 1 Members residing in Hotels
- 2 Members residing in far off places
- 3 Those sharing accommodation with other allottees in Vithalbhai Patel House

Accordingly, available accommodation was offered to Members on 2nd April 1977 with the request to convey their acceptance by 4th instant (AN) so that in case of their non acceptance these could be offered to other Members. Out of 84 Members who were temporarily offered accommodation placed at the disposal of this Secretariat, only 60 have collected occupation slips till date. Allotments were also made to other Members of the aforesaid category in temporary accommodation made available by Government viz Pataudi House Suites, D II Flats in Kidwai Nagar and Type IV accommodation in Pandara Road and other areas, but the same were not acceptable to Members on account of their being not furnished/not in good condition besides being situated far away from Parliament House. About 95 Members have been accommodated in Vithalbhai Patel House and Western Court Hostel.

As in the past the House Committee met and placed bungalows, twin-flats and three bed roomed flats both 'vacant' and 'to be vacated' at the disposal of various Parties/Groups in Parliament on the basis of their strength for recommending the names of Members of their respective parties to whom they would like to allot bigger type of accommodation.

The Accommodation Sub-Committee has been constituted and it would consider the allotment of two bed-roomed flats etc. to the remaining Members on vacation basis. But the Committee is facing difficulties as some of the new Members have gone into the residential units before they

were surrendered by the Ex Members The House Committee has not taken cognizance of such occupation while allocating quotas of Bungalows, Two-flats and Three bed roomed flats to various Parties/Groups in Lok Sabha 216 Ex-Members are over-staying and out of them 30 to 40 have requested for further extension ranging from one month to six months

The House Committee appreciate the difficulties experienced by the hon Members for suitable accommodation particularly near Parliament House and are doing their best to find out an early solution

This can only be done when the old Members vacate The House Committee is requesting the old Members to vacate at the earliest I am confident that after vacation by the old Members the situation will ease

I may also add, Sir that many ex-Chief Ministers, ex-Ministers ex-Speakers, ex-Ambassadors and ex-Supreme Court judges have come to this House and they need bigger accommodation I would request the Government to make available more bungalows so that their needs could be met

MR SPEAKER Members want that the statement made by Pandit D N Tiwary be circulated It will be circulated later.

12 01 hrs.

CONSTITUTION (FORTY-THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL*

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India

MR SPEAKER Motion moved

'That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India'

SHRI YESHVANTRAO CHAVAN (Satara) Mr Speaker, Sir, I am taking this opportunity to explain the point of view of my party on the question of this Constitution Amendment Bill At one stage it was said that it was only going to be introduced and now it is said that it is going to be considered I don't view the position exactly But I am told that possibly they may not continue the consideration But some of the clauses of the Bill have got relevance to political situations in many States in the country and therefore, I want to make it clear on behalf of my Party, and myself to the Opposition (Inter-ruptions) and to Government particularly, that they should know that we are opposed to clauses 3 and 4 of the Bill We are going to oppose, making my point clear, particularly the point for reducing the period from six years to five years We are opposed to that So, I wanted to give information to the House earlier

SOME HON MEMBERS rose—

MR SPEAKER Of course, every Party need not oppose this You need not oppose it on the Party basis now

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry). We are entitled to express our views

MR SPEAKER Only one can oppose it. It may be Anna DMK or somebody The rules are clear on that

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR One correction, Sir. It is All-India Anna DMK, it is not Anna DMK.

MR SPEAKER All right I did not know that

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) Please permit me to speak for a few seconds Today is the last day of the Session according to what was already announced. This is an important Constitution Amendment Bill. My Party is pledged to support the amendment contained in this Bill because even at the time when the Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Bill was discussed we opposed it

MR SPEAKER I know that. But if you get up like this it is not proper. The rules are very clear that only one of them can oppose the Bill.

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM I am not opposing I am supporting the Bill

MR SPEAKER All right, but please sit down. Now nothing is going to be recorded.

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM**

MR. SPEAKER Anybody may support the Bill or oppose it, I am not interested in that. Mr Kalyanasundaram you are getting up again, I am only sorry. All I can say is I am extremely sorry. On every issue if this happens with other Members a so kindly let me know what can a poor Speaker do. I allowed the Leader of the Opposition to speak.

SHRI M KALYANASUNDARAM But there are many parties who want to express the views

MR SPEAKER There is no question of parties. Then it becomes a discussion. It can be discussed. The Bill is for discussion only but not at the introduction stage. At this stage one can only oppose. The rules are very clear on that if you kindly read them. So kindly sit

down. Kindly don't get up to speak. If you do that, others will also do it and I will be helpless.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The Leader of the Opposition has stated that he wants to intimate that clauses 3 and 4 of the Bill are to be opposed by him. All that I should like to say on that matter is that last time in 1971 or 1972 when elections to the Lok Sabha and various State Assemblies took place, people had voted those who succeeded in the elections for five years. The mandate that had been given to them by the people was for a period of five years. Sometime back when the term of the Lok Sabha and various state assemblies was sought to be extended from 5 to 6 years and the Constitution was also amended to that effect, there was a lot of reaction in the country (Interruptions). Recently concluded elections to Parliament have demonstrated what the feelings of the people are in regard to that matter (Interruption). At this stage I have no desire to say anything more in the matter when the Bill comes up for consideration, I shall give my views.

MR SPEAKER The question is

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India"

The motion was adopted

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN Sir I beg to introduce the Bill.

12 09 hrs

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) INCOME-TAX RAID ON THE OFFICE OF AVARD

MR SPEAKER Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu may raise the matter of which he has given notice

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR (Pondicherry) Sir, I have a point of order to make. We are given to understand that the discussion will be taken up later on. But we have been told—I do not know whether it is correct or not—that the discussion will be taken up on the 9th instant and the Bill will be passed. And for that purpose you have extended the House. Sir, we have not gone back to our constituencies since the House has been in session. Tomorrow is Good Friday. We have to go to our Constituencies.

MR SPEAKER I myself do not know about the extension of the House. If there is going to be an extension the Government will come and say that they are going to do it. Therefore there is no point of order. *(Interruptions)*

Now Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu, you may continue.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour) The Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development (AVARD) of which Shri Jayaprakash Narayan is the President has been engaged in the field of rural development for the last 20 years. AVARD is an all-India Federation of non-official agencies functioning in rural areas and has a membership of about 150 organisations spread all over the country. AVARD has been helping its members in all aspects of rural development and also in the preparation of micro level plans, a dozen of them making pointed documents, and also has been implementing a few development projects. One such area where this Association has undertaken comprehensive area development work is Musahri Block, Muzaffarpur District, Bihar, and other areas of Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa, Manipur, either directly or through its member agencies. Musahri Block is well-known to the

people of India for its being the scene of intensive and extensive Naxalite activities. Shri Jayaprakash Narayan had to spend more than one and a half years in that area to bring peace.

The financial assistance for taking up the development work in Musahri and other areas was received from a foreign donor known as the Central Agency, West Germany, through Peoples Action for Development (India)—a society set up in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Department of Agriculture). The idea was that the Government is kept fully informed about the sources of funds and their disposition.

To malign AVARD, especially its President Shri Jayaprakash Narayan, an extraordinary income-tax raid was conducted by the Intelligence and Investigation Wing of the Income-Tax Department on 5-2-76. The raid was carried out simultaneously at its head office at New Delhi, the two project offices at Muzaffarpur and Jamui in Bihar at the residence of its Vice-President, Shri Radhakrishna General Secretary, Shri A. C. Sen Accounts Officer Shri R. L. Goe and also Shri S. K. Bahri who happened to be one of the partners of AVARD's Audit Firm. The raid party also visited both the offices of AVARD's auditors, Messrs Aiyar & Co. and Chandio & Gahani. After the raid all the books of account including relevant documents and some office records of the Head Office as well as the project offices were seized by the Income Tax Department. This raid was also given wide publicity by the Samachar in the Press without giving any opportunity to the office holders even to explain the manner and functioning of AVARD. All the seized documents are still with the Income Tax Department.

It is interesting to note how the whole welfare development work of

{Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu}

AVARD was politicised by the then government. In reply to an Unstarred Question (No 13) in the Lok Sabha the Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Shri Shah Nawaz Khan informed the Lok Sabha on March 8 1976 that the Ministry of Agriculture itself had received the necessary funds mostly in the form of fertiliser and wheat for the three projects being executed by AVARD. But then only two days later, Shri Brahmananda Reddy, under orders of Shrimati Indira Gandhi the then Minister of Home Affairs speaking in the Lok Sabha on 10 March 1976 and in the Rajya Sabha on 11th March 1976 while quoting the above figures of receipts by the Ministry of Agriculture said that the Association had received these amounts from some foreign sources—the source, and the manner these assistances were received are under investigation of the Government of India a blatant and shameful untruth. From this it is clear that all administrative actions on AVARD were of political nature.

Thereafter sizable AVARD funds amounting to about Rs 45 lakhs lying with the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation were frozen under instructions from the Home Ministry. Instructions were also issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to all the State Governments that no help or co-operation be extended to AVARD in any manner or form. Even AVARD member agencies and other organisations directly or indirectly connected with it were also subjected to similar restrictions. This is how Shrimati Indira Gandhi made an effort to do a character assassination of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan and using this forum is disgraceful. Will the Home Minister please assure this House that the restrictions imposed will be withdrawn forthwith?

SHRI A. C. GEORGE (Mukandapuram) Sir today is Maundy Thursday and tomorrow is Good Friday. I hope this House will have some respect for minorities and allow us to

celebrate our festivals. I support what Mr Pajanor has submitted regarding the extension of the session.

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR Sir, I agree with Shri Subramaniam that this side of the House also must be given due consideration. It is not that easy for us to go back and come again. For the past so many days we have been in Delhi and we want to go back. When the opposition leader rose to oppose the introduction of the Bill, you said that one member from the opposition can oppose the introduction. The leader of the opposition must have been under the impression that the Bill will not come up for consideration this session. We were all under the impression that the House is adjourning sine die today. But we have been noticing that at 6 o'clock it is said that the House will sit up to 7.30 that the session is being extended and so on.

MR SPEAKER The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs will make a statement. Before that there are one or two statements by other ministers also. I am also made to believe that we are not sitting on the 9th. Why don't you give me some time now? There was a plane crash yesterday. When I called the minister concerned he was perhaps in the Rajya Sabha and he was not available. I will request him to make a statement. Before that the Home Minister will reply to Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu's statement.

SHRI A. C. GEORGE We could not hear anything of what Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu said.

MR SPEAKER I will have it circulated. His statement and the minister's reply—both the statements—will be circulated to you.

SHRI VASANT SATHE (Akola) I rise on a point of order. Rule 377 says

“A member who wishes to bring to the notice of the House any

matter which is not a point of order shall give notice to the Secretary General in writing, stating briefly the points which he wishes to raise in the House, together with the reasons for wishing to raise it, and he shall be permitted to raise it only after the Speaker has given his consent, at such time and date as the Speaker may fix."

This is not a notice like short notice question or any other thing. This is only for your consent. How is it that previous notice of this statement which was read out just now became available to the Minister for him to have a written reply got ready to be read out here? This appears to be a mutual arrangement."

MR SPEAKER The rule says that notice will be given to the Speaker—

Notice was given to the Speaker and a copy of the notice was sent to the Home Minister yesterday. Apart from the rules, it was given to the Secretary-General. It was sent to the Home Minister and it is in the Order Paper. Now what you read just now has been strictly followed. Therefore, he is ready with the reply also.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Idukki) I am rising on a point of order. The Minister can make a statement under Rule 372 on a matter of public importance with the consent of the Speaker but no question shall be asked at the time the statement is made. But he cannot make a statement in answer to a question raised under 377. In 377 a special procedure has been stipulated that the Member makes a statement, it goes on record and the Secretary-General then passes it on to the Minister.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) I do not object to 377 notice and the Minister promptly obliging with the reply. But similar notice was given by me on the Railway accident that took place in Tamil Nadu involving lives of people. When I raised that point why—
(Interruptions)

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MR. SPEAKER The Minister made a statement on the railway accident. If you want a discussion, you can certainly have a discussion (Interruptions)

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai) I want to make a brief submission for your consideration. So far as this point of order is concerned, whenever any hon. Member makes a submission under Rule 377 he wants to draw the notice of the House to a matter of public interest, and the House includes the Government. Now it had been the practice of the previous Government to ignore the observations made under Rule 377—Generally it had been their practice. On many occasions—you will find on record—the Chair also wanted the Government to take notice of the observations.

Now, if any government is responsive to the observations made it goes to the credit of that government and there is nothing in the way of the government making a statement thereon (Interruptions)

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN It is a matter of procedure.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA I have not disturbed you at all. Otherwise whatever observations we make under rule 377 would fall on deaf ears. We don't want any government to be deaf to the observations made by any hon. Member.

MR. SPEAKER Now may I ask Mr. Kaushik to make the statement?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH) I want to make the statement. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER I have permitted all of you. All of you can have it.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN Kindly don't take it that way. I have raised a point of order. I have cited a rule. I want a ruling from the Chair. There are certain procedures under which

Aircraft of National Remote
Sensing Agency near Ongole,
Andhra Pradesh

[Shri C. M. Stephen]

Information can be elicited from the government. They can have a discussion, they can have a half-an-hour discussion. They can have a call-attention, they can put a Motion, they can have a short notice question. These are the different methods whereunder information can be called for. Rule 377 states what should be done under 377. That is the end of it. Under 377, a reply to the point raised by the Member is not called for at all. Therefore on the spot, it is not called for at all. If, after hearing the observations the Minister feels that a statement under rule 372 is called for, he can give notice and come with a statement. Not in reply to what has been said under 377. I want a ruling on that.

MR. SPEAKER I think rule 377 is very clear in that sense. No reply from the Minister is anticipated in this rule. The Minister may make a statement, if necessary, later on. That is a different matter.

Mr Kaushik may make a statement on the plane crash.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM I am on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER You have been on a point of order so many times. Anyway, proceed.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM You don't listen to me. You will be compelling me to say something more drastic. Don't make me protest like that.

MR. SPEAKER Yes; proceed.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM I request the Chair to be reasonable. Rule 377 is a valuable privilege given to the Members to bring to the notice of the government immediately any matter of public importance, other than the point of orders. I had given notice under 377 regarding a serious railway strike. I had met you personally and represented to you. I met the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

and represented to him about the urgency of it. But that was ignored. It did not see the light of the day. (Interruption) I don't object to the Minister giving a prompt reply. I welcome that. I welcome it if the Ministers are ready to give a reply even for 377. It is a good improvement. But that treatment should be given to all the Members who give notice under 377.

DR. HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam): I fully endorse it.

SHRI ARAVINDA BALA PAJANOR I would like to make a submission.

MR. SPEAKER No, no.

12.36 hrs

STATEMENT RE CRASH OF AN
AIRCRAFT OF NATIONAL RE-
MOTE SENSING AGENCY NEAR
ONGOLE, ANDHRA PRADESH

पयंटन श्रीर नामर विमानन मन्त्री
(श्री पुरवोत्तम कोशिक) 'अध्यक्ष महोदय,
अचानक दुख के साथ मुझे इस सदन को विज्ञान
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सेंसिंग एजेंसी के एक बी० सी०-3 विमान
की भयानक दुर्घटना के बारे में सूचना देनी
पड़ रही है।

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निकट एक गांव में ध्वस्त हो गया। दुर्घटना
में कु० के पांच सदस्यों तथा नेशनल रिमोट
सेंसिंग एजेंसी के पांच कर्मचारियों के मारे
जाने की खबर है।

नागर विमानन के महानिदेशालय ने बम्बई के विमान सुरक्षा निपट्रक, श्री एम० एम० धावला को जांच करने के लिए घटना-स्थल पर जाने के लिए आदेश दे दिये हैं।

निरचय ही सदन को मेरी ही भांति इस दुर्घटना से गहरा सदमा पहुँचा होगा और यह इस असह्य शोक में तथा मृतकों के परिवारों के प्रति सहानुभूति प्रकट करने में मेरा सहभागी होगा। विज्ञान तथा तकनीकी विभाग ने प्रत्येक मृतक के परिवार को पांच हजार रुपये का अनुग्रह अनुदान स्वीकृत किया है।

12 37 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377—Contd

(II) COMPLAINTS ABOUT MALPRACTICES DURING RECENT ELECTIONS TO LOK SABHA

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA (Begusarai) I have given a notice under Rule 377 and I have been informed that I would be given an opportunity to speak today.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) Some questions have been raised about Government's intention to seek the permission of the House to continue sitting for another day. I wish to state on behalf of the Government that the Government has no intention to do so and we hope that the Government's business that has been included in the agenda for the session will be completed to day itself.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA Mr Speaker, Sir, under Rule 377, I draw the attention of the House to a matter of great public importance, nay of great importance to the democratic process itself of which this House is the product

Though the elections to the Lok Sabha have been, by and large, fair and augur well for our democracy, it is learnt that the Election Commission has received complaints about serious malpractices committed in certain areas

Some of these malpractices which were in gestation for some time now seem to be coming of age, thanks to the perfection of technique achieved by its perpetrators. And unless the Government makes thorough enquiries into them and takes effective steps to prevent them in the future, what appears now relatively a small affair may, very soon, assume grave proportions imperilling the democratic process itself.

Rigging is now being done in a well-organised, pre-planned manner, and what is really disturbing,—with the active aid and assistance, or at least connivance, of the State machinery—is the manner in which they are doing it.

I will begin with the Begusarai constituency which I have the honour to represent. There men in high authority had hatched plots with gangsters and anti-social elements armed with lethal weapons to capture booths on a large scale with the result that the administration and the police officers merely looked on so much so that in the Sonapur booth of Begusarai which was protected by four rifled men, the ballot boxes were snatched away by an armed gang and a repoll was ordered. But, strangely enough, no enquiries were made as to how such a loot could be perpetrated.

Notorious antisocial gangs armed with rifles and sten guns moved from booth to booth like an invading army with a number of vehicles led by a pilot jeep in order to intimidate voters and presiding officers and to capture booths. The Government had completely abdicated its functions in favour of this gang in this entire belt. At one booth a presiding officer told

[Shri Shyamnandan Mishra]

me after seeing the rifles of the gangsters that he would have been happier if the bullets pierced his heart instead of destroying democracy. The Election Commission was also informed of the ballot boxes having been taken out at an unauthorised place at the district headquarters and tampered with. The evidences supporting this were preserved for some time for inspection by the Election Commission but nobody turned up to look into the complaint. At one booth Katari in this very constituency the polling was completed by the gangsters of a local MLA by 7.30 A.M. when the polling starts and ultimately a re-poll had to be ordered. Altogether nearly 150 booths were captured in this Parliamentary Constituency. In the adjacent Ballia constituency the situation was so bad that six persons lost their lives as a result of shooting and bomb explosion.

Two candidates of the Jehanabad and Sitamarhi constituencies were arrested on the polling day because they were found terrorising the polling parties and voters with the help of unlicensed arms, bombs etc.

In Banka 13 to 20 booths were looted by the candidate opposed to the Janata Party. Trucks and vehicles were seized by the authorities in which were found unlicensed arms and bombs. One bomb manufactured by the supporters of a party candidate exploded and two of the supporters died, one instantly and the other in the hospital.

The other glaring instances are Dum Dum and Barrackpore in West Bengal, Amethi in Uttar Pradesh and many areas in Kerala. The situation in the Ferozpur Constituency of Punjab has figured in the press. But I will not refer to it as the matter is sub-judice. There may be other pockets too.

All in all the malpractices included seizure of booths by antisocial gangs armed with lethal weapons, the ar-

rest of workers of opponents one or two days before poll, running away with the ballot boxes, the discrepancy between the votes polled as per records and the votes counted, the duplication of ballot papers on a large scale, taking out of ballot boxes at unauthorised places and tampering with them, and the making of major decisions and concessions to various interests by Governments which should function merely as a 'caretaker Government' during the elections.

It is necessary that the Government investigate these cases fully and take effective steps to prevent their recurrence in future.

12.45 hrs

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS (PROTECTION OF PUBLICATION) BILL

MR SPEAKER We will now proceed with Item No 18

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) I beg to move

'That the Bill to protect the publication of reports of proceedings of parliament be taken into consideration'

At this stage at the very outset, I have just a few remarks to make. During the period of Emergency there were three Statutes which curbed the freedom of the Press. The first one was the prevention of Publication of Objectional Matter Act, the second one was the repeal law repealing the publication of parliamentary proceedings immunity law, and the third one was the Press Council Act which was repealed. The first of these laws was repealed in this House yesterday and today we are dealing with the second one. I would think there is no controversy whatsoever in this regard. In fact, the immunity in respect of coverage

of parliamentary proceedings was by virtue of the law enacted in 1956 which is one of the very few laws that have been sponsored by non-official Members. There are very few laws of this nature and the credit of sponsoring this law goes to late Shri Feroze Gandhi who was a distinguished Member of this House. It was adopted by the Parliament in 1956. Up to 1976 for a period of about twenty years I personally have known of not a single instance where this immunity was in any way abused by the members of the Press Corps. But a blanket allegation was made against them against the entire Press community in the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill that was moved by my predecessor Shri Vidyacharan Shukla. It was said at that time in the statement of Objects and Reasons

But actual experience proved that the privilege given by the Act was misused frequently and systematically. Many newspapers reported with impugnt and often on the front page and with banner headlines such motivated and wrong charges levelled in the parliament against different persons as would have invoked the laws of the land. Because of the protection afforded by this law to the press, the persons affected were deprived of the remedy the country's laws promised to vindicate their personal honour. The misuse of this privilege assumed extraordinary proportions during the last three years.

This was the rationale that was offered to parliament when this repeal Bill was mooted which repeal Bill we now want to set aside and restore the original position. As I said yesterday I totally disagree and my Government disagrees with the entire approach that if somebody from the opposite side makes an allegation against us

SHRI K LAKKAPPA (Turnkur) The previous Government also suggested that we should relax it because it was brought at the time of the Emergency.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I think I have made my point very clear. So far as the Emergency is concerned, the Defence of India Rules took complete consideration of what the press should do and there was no need for a Bill of this kind. There was no need for a Bill of the kind we repealed yesterday. These two Bills were intended to make the Emergency provisions a permanent part of our set up. They were intended to institutionalise the draconian policies of the Executive during the Emergency and therefore I feel it imperative.

SHRI K LAKKAPPA That was not the intention. The security of the country and the integrity of the country were the most important considerations at that time.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I may point out that even the earlier Bill as adopted by Parliament (ie Feroze Gandhi Bill) did not confer any blanket and absolute immunity on the press. There are limitations even on that privilege. We Members of Parliament in this House enjoy the privilege of making statements without fear of becoming liable for criminal and civil proceedings but at the same time, if any statement made in the House is irresponsible or defamatory the Chair has the right to expunge such phrases or to ask the Member concerned to withdraw his remarks. There are several provisions in the Rules of the House itself to act as an effective curb or check on any irresponsible and defamatory utterances.

Similarly as I have said this law itself provided while bestowing immunity on the Press, for so many provisions—that the publication must be a substantially true and accurate report, that the publication must be

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for the public good, etc. It should not be with a view to blackmailing any one or with a view to seeking personal vendetta or anything of that kind. Thirdly the publication must not be actuated by malice. These are specific phrases that the Feroze Gandhi Act provided for and which we, while moving this Bill, have put forth before you in their original form. There has been no change there has been no departure of any kind from the original Bill.

Therefore I commend it to the House with all the emphasis at my command, and I hope that, as the Bill which was adopted yesterday, this Bill also will be adopted unanimously.

MR SPEAKER Motion moved

"That the Bill to protect the publication of reports of proceedings of Parliament be taken into consideration"

We have four more Bills. I do not know whether we will be able to finish them. Yesterday I prevented one or two Members from speaking so that we could push through that Bill. Is Mr Purnanarayan Sinha present in the House? I would like to give him a chance. Yesterday he was very unhappy. I could not call him. I would like to call him first.

SHRI PURNANARAYAN SINHA (Tezpur) Mr Speaker, Sir, I come from a place on the India-China border Tezpur which was threatened by Chinese aggression as far back as 1962. The then Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, said on the floor of this august House that his heart went out to the people of Assam at their hour of peril when on 20th November, 1962, Government had to evacuate the administration from Tezpur. The Local Government obeyed but we refused and we tried to keep up the morale of the people. I come from that area.

(MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair)

I have the honour to say that I founded a newspaper 15 years ago, and I have been editing it—for the last 15 years. This is an independent paper, it is not affiliated to any political party.

AN HON MEMBER You belong to a political party.

SHRI PURNANARAYAN SINHA Of course I do belong to the Janata Party, but I have never made my paper a party organ. It has been an independent paper. I have made a venture for self-employment of my two graduate sons, I asked them not to go in for a government job but to do a business of their own. I had started a small press and a small paper and have been running it for the last 15 years.

About 14 months back, I was detained by the Government for publishing a story about the pompous marriage of a Congressman. It was supposed to be an objectionable matter for the party in power and, therefore I was put behind the bars. My sons were in charge of the press and were managing the paper in my absence. Never before have Government given any advertisement or newsprint quota to this paper. After 14 months of detention, I was released about the end of January when I contested the election and I have been fortunate enough to come to this House to put forward the difficulties of the people of Assam who have been neglected all these 25 or 30 years. There has been no development in that area. We have heard another hon. Member speaking about the difficulty in getting drinking water supply. For everything for a bridge for a university, for a refinery, for a road, for extension of the broad gauge railway line from Bongaigaon to Gauhati, for everything the people of Assam have to organise agitations. Without agitation, the people of Assam have got nothing. For the refinery at Gauhati the people of Assam agitated. We were

sent to jail for six months for making the demand before the Deputy Commissioner's office. Only thereafter we got a small refinery at Gauhati. The bigger one was given to Barauni in Bihar. Subsequently, one was however, installed at Bongaigaon.

Assam is connected to the rest of India by a forty mile corridor over the North Bengal area. For a broad gauge line, the people of Assam have been agitating for the last ten years. This is the position there. I come from such a backward area.

Now, I would tell you what happened about the press. For anything that we wanted to publish during the emergency, a Sub-Inspector of Police would be sitting in the press to censor that material. He may be barely a matriculate or who may not have any idea of the principles and science of censorship and national security, but all the same, he was there. I publish a story about the fact of a Congress MLA having celebrated a pompous marriage. My idea was to focus the attention of the people on the need of austerity. The result, however, was that I was detained because that was considered something objectionable. There has thus been a lot of repression of the press during the emergency. There are a few papers in our area and there are also a few lakhs of readers. We have not been able to bring about any development in this regard. On the top of that there were so many restrictions.

I happened to see a small book published by DAVP about the freedom of press in India. It has been stated in that book that the freedom of press is ensured under Article 19 of the Constitution of India and that the Government have never interfered with the functioning of the press. Unfortunately, I have not brought that book with me today, I read it yesterday. As we know, during Emergency, there were a lot of restrictions on the press, but after the

elections were announced, the press has enjoyed a little freedom. Thus, during emergency, whatever is contained in Article 19 of the Constitution, was being violated.

Now, it is very good that the Janata Party Government has initiated action to repeal all those black laws. With these words, I support this Bill which is intended to restore the principles and objectives of the Feroze Gandhi Act.

SHRI J RAMESHWAR RAO (Mahabubnagar) Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to make it clear at the outset that I am not opposing this Bill. But while protection is given for publication of parliamentary proceedings this protection imposes an obligation and responsibility on the press of correct reporting. There should be no suppression veri and suggestio falsi. While the Government should not censor press reporting of Parliament proceedings, the press or press owners should not censor or distort what is said by any member in the House. In reporting statements made by Members on the floor of the House there should be no attempt to tear them out of context or deliberately to give a wrong twist or interpretation otherwise it would be misusing this privilege.

To give only yesterday's example, I was quoted as having said that we would support all that the Prime Minister said in his broadcast. This gives a totally wrong impression. What I said was quite different. I said I agreed with what the Prime Minister said adding that there was nothing new he had said.

SHRI L K ADVANI Whose report was it?

SHRI J RAMESHWAR RAO All the papers.

We had all been saying the same things even when he was a member of the Congress Party and Deputy

[Shri J Rameshwar Rao]

Prime Minister Only implementation had been tardy Now that he has changed his Congress Party label to Janata Party label I hoped there would be implementation Further I did say that freedom of the press was essential for survival of democracy But I also said yellow journalism is a danger to democracy The two do not go together But the first part was reported and the second part omitted.

13 hrs

I have sat here these ten days hearing the constant abuse of the Congress Party and my colleagues, from Government Benches I know the hon. Members of the former Opposition who have been used to constantly abusing the Congress may find it difficult to adjust themselves to their new role of sitting on government Benches, but it is they who have to help maintain the dignity of the House Surely Mr Deputy Speaker, we should not allow this House to degenerate into a House of Abuse. They are abusing us to their heart's content outside this House, and the Press is giving enough publicity to this abuse, but let us at least maintain the dignity and decorum of this House.

The other day there was a lecture by the hon. Prime Minister on non-violence, Satyagraha and the Gandhian Tradition. He is not the only heir to the Gandhian Tradition. We are also heirs to the Gandhian tradition. My first interest in politics—I am sorry to be a little bit autobiographical—was roused in 1926, 1927 and 1928 through Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the controversy of his second election as Congress President and also by reading Jawaharlal's autobiography. My Baptism of fire came during the 1942 movement under the inspiration of Javaprakash Narayan. I consider him as one of the great men of this

country. Later I learnt practical political action at the feet of Mahatma Gandhi, and respect for human values like tolerance, freedom and liberalism working under Jawaharlal Nehru. Gandhi became real to me, in emotional and practical terms, in 1967 when I started organizing agricultural labour unions in my constituency when all the opposition parties, apart from my own Party, opposed my work. The only person who supported me was Shri Ram Manohar Lohia. Shri Ram Manohar Lohia published notes about my work in his journal Mankind.

The purpose of my saying all this is to emphasize that no one individual or group in this country can arrogate to himself or themselves the attitude of being the sole representative of the urges and aspirations of the people of India or the sole heir of any aspect of our complex national tradition. We are all heirs to a common tradition. We all represent the people of India.

The hon. Members of the Janata Party speak of their mandate. They are not yet a party. As of to-day they are still a coalition of parties. The Janata Party, I learn, is to be born on the 1st of May. I hope it will imbibe some of the traditions of the First of May. We too who have been elected also have a mandate from the people. If the mandate of those who occupy the Government benches comes from a region we also have a mandate from more than one region, in this large and diverse country. As to who has the real mandate of the people, only history will tell. But in a democracy one accepts the numbers as that is the only working arrangement possible.

The other day, the members opposite objected to my colleague, Shri Sabramaniam, speaking of differences in the voting pattern in different parts of the country. But when the Prime Minister gave an unasked-for assurance to the south, I suppose we

are expected to be dutifully grateful. There must be some consistency somewhere.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, let not the avalanche of abuse continue. I am surprised that an independent member like my friend Mr Purushottam Mavalankar—he is not here at the moment—has also been infected with the contagion of abusing us. Let him think of his great father and the traditions set by him. Let him think of his great father's illustrious predecessor in office Shri Vithalbhai Patel and the traditions laid down by him. I have great affection for Purushottam and it hurts me to find fault with him.

We on this side of the House have promised constructive co-operation and responsible functioning. We have not done so because we are weak or because we are defeated. We have done so because we want to set an example in functioning like a responsible and constructive opposition. But let me warn the members on the Government benches please do not take us for granted. We can give constructive co-operation only when there is give and take from the Government benches also both in policies and programmes. I would like to request them not to try to drive us to the wall because we too can hit back. Let me also remind the members opposite—there are many amongst them who have skeletons in their cupboards—while Jayaprakash Narayan visits this country like a circus person from Bihar had to come to terms with him for their very survival. Am I to believe that these actions were prompted by idealism?

Speaking about the Bill under discussion there is just one more thing I wish to point out. I pointed this out to Shri Feroz Gandhi when he first introduced his Bill—I can say what I like in this House about anyone even a person who is not a member of this House—things for which I may reasonably be sure to be libel or defama-

tion, if I had said it outside this House—what I say in the House can be printed and published with impunity by the press under this Act and the person against whom things have been said has no remedy except to challenge me to come and say the same thing outside the House. In a country like India where what is reported in the press is generally considered true, especially if it is defamatory, great damage would have been done. How does Government propose to protect the innocent individual against his kind of blackmail? As I said earlier, I am not opposing this Bill. I wish to conclude by requesting the Government to give some thought on how best we can prevent the misuse of this privilege.

13 08 hrs

The Lok Sabha adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after Lunch at four minutes past Fourteen of the Clock.

[MR DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair]

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS
(PROTECTION OF PUBLICATION)
BILL—Contd

श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नायक (छात्रावाह)

मन्त्रीय उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री ने जो विधेयक यहाँ रखा है, मैं उसका समर्थन करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूँ। इस देश में, जहाँ प्रजातन्त्र है, प्रपनी चापली बहने की आजादी को केवल इस देश में बाँटेंसी हुक्मद्वारा एक ऐसा कानून बनाना गया जिससे सदन के भी लोक सभा केन्द्र अपने विचार व्यक्त करने हेतु छापारो में प्रभावित नहीं हो सकते हैं। ऐसा कानून बनाने के लिए बहुत ही आसान किया गया था।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपसे आग्रह कर रहा हूँ कि इस सदन के द्वारा भी आपकी चर्चा है श्री नारायण

[श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नायर]

तरीके से जो भी सदस्य अपने विचार प्रकट करते हैं, अगर वह अनुचित होते हैं या गैर-वाजिब होने हैं तो आपके द्वारा और सदस्यों के द्वारा भी आपत्ति लगा दी जाती है। कभी-कभी सदस्यों को गलत और अशोभनीय बातें वापस भी लेनी पड़ती हैं, समा याचना करनी पड़ती है या खेद प्रकट करना पड़ता है। यह लोक सभा की मर्यादा है।

लेकिन अपने शासन की रक्षा के लिए कांग्रेसी हुकूमत ने लोक सभा के सदस्यों द्वारा प्रकट किये गये विचारों के प्रवाशन पर भी पाबन्दी लगा दी। प्रजातन्त्र में हों अपने विचारों को व्यक्त करने की जो स्वतन्त्रता मिली थी, पिछले शासन ने उस स्वतन्त्रता को छीन लिया था। देश के सभी लोग यह जानना चाहते हैं कि लोक सभा में क्या कार्यवाही हो रही है और हमारे चुने हुए प्रतिनिधि किस तरह अपने विचार प्रकट करते हैं। समय समय पर यहाँ कई महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्नों का निपटारा होता है और कई महत्वपूर्ण विधेयकों तथा सक्लों पर विचार होता है, जिन का प्रकाशन होना बहुत जरूरी होता है। लेकिन कांग्रेसी हुकूमत ने यहाँ पर माननीय सदस्यों द्वारा व्यक्त किये गये विचारों को प्रकाशित करने पर पाबन्दी लगा दी। इस तरह उसने देश की जनता के अधिकारों पर एक कुठाराघात किया।

माननीय सदस्यों की भी यह आकांक्षा होती है कि उनके द्वारा व्यक्त किये गये विचार न केवल देश में, बल्कि सारी दुनिया में, प्रसारित किये जायें, लेकिन पिछली सरकार ने इस पर पाबन्दी लगा दी। इसका स्पष्ट अर्थ यह है कि पिछली सरकार अपने कुकर्मों और अनुचित कार्यवाहियों पर पर्दा डालना चाहती थी। इमर्जेंसी के दौरान, जिससे लगाने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं थी, अगर विरोधी पक्ष के नेता और माननीय सदस्य, या कांग्रेस के कुछ सदस्य, सरकार द्वारा की गई गलत कार्यवाहियों और दमन

की इस सदन में आलोचना करते थे, तो उन को समाचारपत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जा सकता था। इस प्रकार की बन्दिश लगा कर पिछली सरकार ने समाचारपत्रों का मुह बन्द कर दिया। यह बड़े सन्तोष की बात है कि अब जनता पार्टी की सरकार उस अनुचित पाबन्दी को समाप्त कर रही है।

मंत्री महोदय ने जो विधेयक पेश किया है, मैं उसका तहे दिल से स्वागत करता हूँ और सभी माननीय सदस्यों से निवेदन करता हूँ कि वे इस को अपना हार्दिक समर्थन देकर इस को पास करें।

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Chirayinkil). Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, I support this Bill. The Parliament is supreme. It is the supreme body of this country. It can not only define but also decide the fate of the nation. The people of this country must know what happens in Parliament so that they can judge the performance of their representative whom they have elected to Parliament.

The much lauded Bill introduced by the late veteran Feroze Gandhi had been moulded and the proceedings of this House had not been projected properly to the outside world. Now, who were helped in this process? It helped the monopoly houses, exploiters and the multi-nationals.

Mr Deputy Speaker, Sir, this House has been constantly and all the time vigilant to see that such policies are followed as will encourage the public sector and restrict the growth of the monopolies. Sir, under the cover of the present law, which was introduced during the Emergency, the misdeeds or the offences committed by the monopoly houses could not be projected to the outside world although these issues were raised on the Floor of this House. As such, these monopoly houses could escape from the public criticism. I would like to admit that even questions sent to the

Parliament Secretariat in respect of monopoly houses had not been admitted all the time I myself faced this difficulty

Sir, this House had the privilege to expose the misdeeds of the monopoly houses for example Mundhra deal. The name of Shri H M Patel the present Finance Minister had figured in the Chagla Commission report concerning Mundhra deal. This House had deliberated extensively on the Mundhra deal. This subject had been brought before this House by late Shri Feroze Gandhi and many Ministers as well as officers—of which Mr Patel is one—were exposed. So Sir I would like to submit that whatever we say in Parliament should be known to the people at large and they be given an opportunity to decide and make their own judgement.

In this connection I would also like to submit that during the Emergency many officers might have done certain things. There should not be any witch hunting against such officers. These officers might have done these things under a certain political direction. You should not hang these officers for that. They will obey you also as they have to obey the political authority. If you go on persecuting the officers on every minor point then, I think, it will be harmful to you also as you will be demoralising the Administration. Now, take the example of 1947. At that time we knew the ICS officers were the collaborators with the British Raj. They had persecuted the freedom fighters beyond their capacity. Mr Patel was also one of such ICS officers. I am not blaming Shri H. M. Patel but let him examine his own old position under British Raj. Later on he was associated with Mundhra deal.

But let him make an examination as to what happened and I hope being a Minister of the Cabinet rank he will not agree for a witch hunting of the officers who have done something during the emergency. It is a

political decision. Thus I will make an appeal to the hon. Minister

In this connection I may also point out that on the earlier occasion hon. Members on this side drew the attention of the Government regarding the railway accident. Mr Madhu Dandavate is a friend of mine. I am not blaming him. After the accident we found a name in the newspaper one Mr Balakrishnan. The brother of another Member of this House Mr Kadanapalli Ramachandran is Mr Balakrishnan who was expected to come by that train. They were a little panicky because it was shown in the list as 'Balakrishnan Kannanore'. Then I rang up Mr Dandavate's office. The Minister was not available. So I talked to his Private Secretary who was there. I said, "It is a very serious matter that the brother of the hon. Member Mr Balakrishnan appeared in the paper. Do you have any information?" The next day I found, to my regret there was no information no addresses of the people who were involved in the accident who were killed or injured. The Railway Minister must have the facts before him when such a serious accident occurred in the southern part of the country and the relatives of the people—some of them are from our constituency—may ask us about it. Of course I know Mr Madhu Dandavate may be new to the Cabinet. It may be his initial error he may correct it later on. But to my surprise the hon. Minister

SHRI S KUNDU (Balasore) When did the accident occur?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI Last week.

DR. HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) Even the hon. Members do not know about the accident. 30 people met with a very serious accident. It is a West Coast Railway accident.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I am telling the importance of what I am speaking about in the House. I am only pointing out this kind of thing be-

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cause I have to bring this to the notice of the House. Let the Ministers correct themselves.

Sir, when the earlier accident occurred Shri Mohd. Shafi Qureshi, the then Railway Minister, knew what was happening and he used to rush to the House and inform. I am sorry my friend, Mr. Madhu Dandavate could not find time to visit the people who were serious in the hospital. Of course they have got a massive mandate.

SHRI MADHU LIMAYE (Banka)
This is not very relevant to the subject.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I am glad that senses came to Mr. Madhu Limaye. Lastly, I should say there is a proverb in Malayalam: *Puthan achi theru perukum*. That means, the new bride cleaning the house and also the surroundings. This government coming with all new proposals and all through with enthusiasm announcing every day this is all like the new bride. But the thing is they have got a massive mandate yet there was rigging of the election. The whole purpose of my speaking in the House is because they think they get a good propaganda. But on rigging of election we never spoke of it. We accepted the defeat. We have been defeated in this part of the country. But we never said as a propaganda that there was rigging. (Interruptions)

I have got a paper with me. I am prepared to produce that paper. In my election I have seen a postal ballot sent by a military officer containing an appeal from the Marxist Communist Party's candidate. It has been sealed and sent and I sent a complaint to the Election Commissioner. I have got that Communist appeal with me. It is printed in red. In my constituency I had to ask two polling officers to get out. Two ballot papers were given—one was the Assembly one and the other was that of Parliament. In my constituency 7000 blank ballot papers appeared and in Palghat where we

captured a seat of veteran leader, Mr. Gopalan.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU On a point of order. It should have some relevance to the subject he is discussing.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I am saying that this is relevant because the whole intention of the government was that this forum should not be used for political propaganda.

AN HON. MEMBER What are you doing?

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI You have done that you are doing the same thing that is what I am saying. In this House itself there was a lot of criticism. I am not saying that it should be used for political propaganda. See the whole history of Parliament. It was welcomed by the people. It has been praised by the people and it has been useful to the people. They speak about Jayaprakash Narain. I have nothing personal against him. He said that the RSS should be banned immediately after the murder of Mahatma Gandhi.

SHRI GAURI SHANKAR RAI (Ghazipur) On a point of order.

*Mr. Deputy-Speaker is this relevant to the Bill. There must be the remotest sense of proportion.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER I will take care of that. Most Members are not adhering to that principle. It cuts both ways.

SHRI S. KUNDU On a point of order. You will be pleased to permit me to make a request to the hon. Minister Advant that he could move an amendment to the Bill that only relevant portions of the speech can be published. (Interruptions)

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER Order,
order It is not a point of order.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI When the hon Member there was speaking he was abusing the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the former government (Interruptions) I agree, I am only sorry that J P has changed his stand on the banning of the RSS; he is absolving those people now who are now in the Janata Party One of the constituents of the Janata Party, the Jan Sangh has not expressed any regret for what happened in 1948 namely, the murder of Mahatma Gandhi J P wanted to ban the RSS in 1948 he has changed and he is now defending the RSS (Interruptions)

I am saying that this Bill is good for the country and people must know what is happening in the House I welcome the Hon-Ministers attitude to this matter and I congratulate him on that

श्री केशवराय घोंडगे (नागरेड) जनाब डिप्टी स्पीकर साहब, यह बिल जो यहाँ पर पेश हुआ है, उसके बारे में मैं मिनिस्टर साहब का शुक्रिया अदा करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूँ। हिन्दुस्तान के अन्दर हम जम्हूरियत की बात करते हैं, लेकिन 30 साल की भाज की के बाद जम्हूरियत को जिस तरह से ज़िदह किया गया है, मैं समझता हूँ दुनिया में ऐसी मिसाल नहीं मिलेगी। लिहाजा जो बिल इस वक़्त आपके सामने पेश है वह जम्हूरियत की इज्जत है, आम पब्लिक की शान है और जनता पार्टी और दूसरी सभी पार्टियों की कामयाबी का तोहफ़ा है—अगर मैं ऐसा कहूँ तो यह गलत नहीं होगा। हम लोग जो यहाँ पर आये हैं, कोई गलत बात कहने के लिए नहीं आये हैं और अगर कोई गलत बात कहने है तो आप सहा मौजूद हैं और पालियामेंट के कानून है। पिछले दिनों में पालियामेंट के सुप्रिम होने के ब बख़ूद भी पालियामेंट का मुहू बंद किया जा रहा था। हम लोगों के नूमाइन्दे यहाँ होने के बावजूद भी हमको खुल्लम-

खुल्ला नुक्ताचीनी करने का हक़ नहीं था, हमको गुप्ता बना दिया गया था। लिहाजा, इस दुनिया के अन्दर, इस राज के अन्दर, इस मुल्क के अन्दर असेम्बली गुप्ती की जाती है। मेरे ध्याल से यह जम्हूरियत नहीं है, यह जम्हूरियत का मुर्दा है। उस मुर्दे को ज़िन्दा बना कर यह बिल लाया गया है। मैं इसका अनुमोदन करता हूँ। सदर साहब, इस बात के लिए हम गवर्नमेंट की जितनी तारीफ़ करें कम है।

मैं बीस साल तक असेम्बली का मੈम्बर रह चुका हूँ। अगर हम कुछ छपवाना चाहते हैं तो छपवा नहीं सकन थे। अगर इसकी कागिश की जाती थी तो हम पर जुम लग दिया जाता था, हम पर जुर्माना कर दिया जाता था। मैं 'जनशक्ति' साप्ताहिक का एडिटर हूँ। मुझे भी डिटेन किया गया। दस-बारह महीने तक मैं जेल में रहा। उसके बाद जब मैं असेम्बली में हाज़िर हुआ। मैं अपनी हाज़िरी के बारे में कहना चाहता था, यह कहना चाहता था कि मैं छूट गया हूँ वह भी मैं नहीं कह सका। हम लोग की मुश्किलत बयान करना चाहत थे लेकिन हुकुमत ने हमें वह भी बयान करने की इजाज़त नहीं दी। हम यह नहीं कहने दिया गया कि हम भर चुक हैं कि ज़िन्दा हैं। लेकिन हम ज़िन्दा रहे। हम में आज़ादी की लगन लगी हुई थी लेकिन हम इस आज़ाद मुल्क की खिदमत नहीं कर सकते थे, सदर साहब, यह कौन-सा जनतंत्र है ?

सदर साहब, जयप्रकाश नारायण को बरनाम किया जाता है कि वह अधिनायक-शाही की बान बोलता है, वह मिनिस्ट्री के बारे में बोलता है, इस वजह से देश में एमर्जेंसी आयी है। मैंने असेम्बली में कहा था कि कौन कहता है कि जयप्रकाश जी की वजह से एमर्जेंसी आयी, इसके लिए जयप्रकाश जी जिम्मेदार नहीं है। काई कहता है कि इसके

[श्री कान्हराम प्रोडगे]

लिए हमारे हिन्दुस्तानी जिम्मेदार है, गुजरान के सारे लोग जिम्मेदार हैं। वे ऐसा पैगम्बर नहीं करने तो एमरजेंसी नहीं आती। मिर्जा साहब की वजह से हम एमरजेंसी लाए हैं। कोई कहता है कि हम पश्चिम का लोग, भारत-एक-एक का लोग, जिसका मजदूर पार्टी के लोग इसके लिए जिम्मेदार है। इस के लिए राजनारायण जी जिम्मेदार है। अगर वे इन्क़ाब पिढीजन नहीं करने तो उनकी जेत नहीं डाली। मिर्जा साहब ने कहा कि इस के लिए प्राइम मिनिस्टर जिम्मेदार है अगर वे चुनाव में खड़ी नहीं हानी तो ऐसा नहीं होना। इसके लिए जयप्रकाश जी जिम्मेदार नहीं है, राजनारायण जी जिम्मेदार नहीं है। मैंने भ्रष्टाचारियों से कहा कि इनके लिए राजा राममहन् राम जिम्मेदार है। मुझ से कहा गया कि एमरजेंसी का राजा महन् राम से क्या सम्बन्ध है उन्हें तो मरे हुए सो मान हो गए? अगर वह नहीं होने तो यह सती की रस्म बन्द नहीं होगी। अगर सती की रस्म बन्द नहीं होगी तो यह एमरजेंसी नहीं आती।

जो चीज मैंने भ्रष्टाचारियों से कही, वह बाहर नहीं आ सकती थी। यह कौनसी भ्रष्टाचारी है? आप भ्रष्टाचारी के घास पैगम्बर बनने हैं, जम्हूरियत के घास पैगम्बर बनने हैं। इसके बावजूद जो हम इन पार्लियामेंट में, भ्रष्टाचारियों में बान करते हैं वह शाप नहीं हो सकती। भारत-एक-एक को बान करने हैं और उनके लिए आप ज उठाने वालों की आप जेल में बालत हैं। इस चीज के लिए तो आपका भ्रष्टाचारी थी, अगर जम्हूरियत को बचाने के लिए अगर कोई नुमाइन्दा कुछ कहता था तो उसको शाप करने की उसको भ्रष्टाचारी नहीं थी।

मिर्जा में हिन्दुस्तान की जनता का और बहादुर मतदाताओं का भ्रष्टाचार

है कि उसने चुनाव के अन्दर बता दिया कि दुनिया की कोई ताकत लोगों को गुनाह नहीं कर सकती, दुनिया की कोई ताकत, दुनिया का कोई डिक्टेटर हमको धाराद रहने से नहीं रोख सकता। हम इंसान हैं, इंसानों की हैसियत से जिंदा रहना चाहते हैं। जनता ने जनता पार्टी को जिता कर उस सारे के बानानुओं को ठुकरा दिया। इसने बावजूद आप कहते हैं यह बानुन ठीक था। दूसरी तरफ आप जनता की बान करते हैं, जम्हूरियत की बान करने हैं। पार्लियामेंट जनता की सुप्रीम बाड़ी है। मिर्जा यहाँ पर हम जो बान कहते हैं वह बान जाता की मानुम होनी चाहिए। जनता का बैक्कूफ समझ कर राज करने का प्रयत्न जमाना नहीं रखा। मिर्जा जो बिल लाया गया है उसका कोई बरके ने धाराद भ्रष्टाचार भ्रष्टाचार करवा दिया है।

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur) Sir, we heard with interest the speech of Shri Vayalar Ravi who has got back his freedom to speak though of course, he was talking with his tongue in his cheek. The only thing he has not explained is why he supported so strongly the Bill which was brought to commit an outrage on parliamentary democracy in this country. We are glad that another atrocity which was committed against the democratic set up in this country is being nullified today, like the Bill we passed yesterday.

The previous Government, being afraid of exposure of their misdeeds and being sensitive to even constructive criticism made in this House tried to create a hiatus between the Parliament and the people. They wanted to ring down a curtain between the people's representatives and the people so that what was done here would not reach the people. All the cherished principles were repudiated with a vengeance to consolidate the position of an individual and a family. All norms of a democratic way of life were polluted in this country to

bolster up a make-believe situation to justify their perversion, namely, the so-called emergency. They repudiated Jawaharlal Nehru when they took away the freedom of the press and brought forward the most Draconian preventive detention law in this country. No wonder they repudiated Feroze Gandhi by nullifying his greatest contribution towards the development of parliamentary democracy in this country and sustenance of the freedom of speech. When the Bill was considered in this House in 1956 the then Law Minister, Mr Pataskar, said

"I think this is a very good Bill with a very good objective. I commend the effort of my friend Shri Feroze Gandhi, who has so ably put forward the Bill of such an important nature. I commend this to the acceptance of this House and I really appreciate the efforts he has put into a very right and important Bill."

That support which was given to Feroze Gandhi's Bill was withdrawn not surprisingly because the Congress of 1976 was much different from the Congress of 1956. They had strayed from the path of democratic process and devalued all norms of democratic life in this country. One thing we used to hear so many times during the last House was that the Parliament was supreme. Parliamentary supremacy was sought to be made clear by the way they were exercising the powers which the people had given to them. They justified all the Draconian laws on the basis of the 'massive mandate' which they always reminded us during the last House, they had received. But how they misused the powers which they had received from the people! This Parliament was made a rubber-stamp Parliament, I repeat. They came back to the House in 1971 with the slogan of 'garibi hatao'. The first thing they removed in 1971 was the personal liberty of this country by passing that

black law called MISA. The Parliament became their hand-maid. All sorts of Draconian laws like the Election Law Amendment Act, 42nd Constitution Amendment, Additional Emoluments Act, Press Laws etc were put in the Ninth Schedule, knowing that they were unconstitutional and would be struck down if challenged before the courts. This was all done in the name of maintaining parliamentary supremacy in this country! Parliamentary supremacy according to them was the supremacy of an individual whose election must be upheld at all costs! When everything was sought to be done in the name of the people they really hoodwinked the people because the people were their real target. The people lost their freedom and liberty. The people's representatives lost their freedom to speak. That was the way they gave lip sympathy to the concept of parliamentary supremacy. Today we have seen the Leader of the Opposition who has said openly that they will oppose the Constitution (Amendment) Bill which has been introduced in the House today. They want to perpetuate their illegal rule in different States by extending the mandate which the people had given them in 1971. From five years they have raised it to six years. Now, they are afraid of facing the people. Today, they want to take shelter under that illegal, unconstitutional bill which was bulldozed through this House taking the advantage of people like Mr Vajalar Ravi, our good friend, who is now talking so much eloquently about the freedom of the press and the Feroze Gandhi Act. The only thing they have not explained is that why they have shown cowardice during that period. If they had any sense of loyalty to the Constitution and any sense of loyalty to the people who had elected them they would have opposed that. They had lost their sense and they had lost their conscience to a person who had acted as a political marauder in this country during the last 20 months.

[Shri Somnath Chatterjee]

Feroze Gandhi while piloting the Bill had said that the people have a right to know what their chosen representatives say and do. The people of the country have the man's right to know what their representatives are doing whether they are justifying the confidence reposed in them whether they are putting forth before the Government the real issues before the country and whether their hopes and aspirations are reflected through their representatives or not. That dialogue was stopped and that source of information was dried up by the previous Government which have no courage to face the people now. They repudiated Jawaharlal Nehru to their Feroze Gandhi was much lesser a man. The public conduct of every public man is a matter of public concern. Therefore we are accountable to the people and how do we make the people know except through newspapers and mass media?

One thing ought to be remembered that the Feroze Gandhi Act did not give immunity or unwarranted liberty to the press. There has been complete misapprehension when they say that by this Act the press people are getting complete immunity they are getting a free licence to print whatever they like this is absolutely misleading. The statute only extended to publishers of parliamentary proceedings a qualified privilege and not an absolute privilege. The report must be substantially true and publication must be for the public good and made without malice. To claim immunity a report must satisfy all these three tests which have been laid in the law. But see the anomaly that was created. Under Article 105(2) of the Constitution what we say in this House is our privilege but what we say if that is published, is not a privilege. Therefore, what was the necessary corollary of 105(2) of the Constitution namely immunity given to Members of the House, was not being

extended in a practical sense to make it effective privilege and effective immunity

During the last debate Shri Shukla, guilty of dishonourable conduct tried to justify that draconian law, the repealing Act by saying 'This Bill is meant to uphold the honour of this House and the honour of the Members of this House and also the honour of the citizens of the country by removing unwarranted immunity and privilege given to editors, printers publishers of newspapers who can malign you in any manner they like.' Persons guilty of dishonourable conduct who had perverted all notions of honour in this country were talking of the honour of the citizens and honour of the Members of this House. The immunity was not necessary for the Press or the Members as such. What they wanted was an immunity from the exposure of the misdeeds of the last Government and its Ministers. They wanted that those things should not go to the people and reach the people. The immunity was sought for corrupt, inefficient and sycophant Ministers and the Queen Empress. That was the immunity which they wanted. They deliberately misled and gave a wrong and misleading picture to the people of this country and bulldozed that black law through this House with the active support of friends like Mr Vayalar Ravi. This is a House of the people. We are here because of the people. We cannot operate in isolation cut away from the people. We are thought to be the people's mouth piece, whether Mr Lakkappa likes it or not. By gagging the proper publication of the parliamentary proceedings the previous government really gagged the people of this country. The dialogue was lost. That is why we feel that the present repealing bill which has been brought to revise the Feroze Gandhi Act is a very welcome bill. And we always knew we believe and we have found that generally the Press in this

country has behaved with responsibility. Mr Ravi has not been able to point out nor the Members on the other side have been able to point out any act or any publication which was protected as a result of the Feroze Gandhi Act. The laws of this country are sufficient to deal with any erring journals or any erring reporter. Certainly such draconian laws are not necessary to deal with the publication of that kind. I support the bill. I only wish that the support from the other side was a sincere one. For the time being they have realized that it is necessary to support this repealing bill. But the performance today of the Leader of the Opposition shows that they have not changed very much. They are out to declare a war on the people.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER There is no time allowed for this Bill. I suppose we have to finish this Bill today. There are 4 Bills, 2 Resolutions and 2 Discussions. I do not see how we can go through all of them with people going on sending chits that they want to speak. I have received at least a dozen names apart from those submitted by the Whips. I think we can fix a time for this Bill.

SHRI K. P. AGHU RAMAIAH (Guntur) You can fix any time, we will cooperate. But we are not sitting beyond 6 p.m.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER It is up to the House. Shall we fix a time for this bill? We have already spent 40 minutes on this.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. ADVANI) I think we should complete this by 3 p.m.

SHRI SOUGATA ROY (Barrackpore) Yesterday we from the Opposition raised a demand that the bill be passed yesterday itself. The Minister of Information and Broadcasting then was particular that the discussion may be continued so that the Opposition party can be satisfied.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI I said so yesterday because some Members were insisting that they would speak.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER Now I feel that with chits coming from so many Members that they would like to speak it will be difficult. I think we can conclude at 3.30 p.m.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Idukki) Mr Deputy Speaker, I am joining in this debate. It is purely to put in focus certain important aspects concerning parliamentary proceedings. It appears there is a feeling or there is an impression that conventionally it has been a part of the privilege of the House of Commons or of this Parliament that the publication of whatever has taken place in Parliament has immunity. I would like to emphasize for whatever purpose it be that that is not the case. If you go through the history of the development of privilege and the publication of parliamentary proceedings you will find that in the initial stages coming up to the beginning of the 20th century the early part of the 20th century the stand of the House of Commons has always been that the publication of the speeches and the proceedings of the House is a breach of privilege, not the non-publication. The House of Commons has been repeatedly passing resolutions forbidding the publication and warning that the publication of the proceedings would be a breach of privilege. It was only in 1909 by an Act of Parliament the position was changed (Interruptions). What I am saying is a historical fact which Shri Advani is corroborating. It is only later finding that this prohibition of the publication of parliamentary proceedings will not be in the interest of the public good may be that the Parliament came out with an Act permitting its publication apart from the further law which protected such publication. What I am saying is from the parliamentary point of view the Mother of Parliaments has been taking this view for

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several years may be for reasons obtaining at that time, that the publication of proceedings is not a privilege. Anyway, that was the old position which has no relevance today, when the publication is freely allowed, it is even televised. So we have now come to that particular stage. What I am saying is the old story. I am only saying that let us not get away with the idea that it is an elementary principle. It is one thing that is good and it is another thing whether it is a matter of privilege. I am only saying that it is not a part of the parliamentary privilege that the proceedings be published. It may be that from the point of view of the common good it must be published, may or may not be, opinions can differ.

Now, coming to this Bill, it seeks to protect certain things which previously, had it not been for this Bill, would be actionable. Let us see what exactly is that area where this protection is required. It comes under the law of libel, slander and all that, it comes under the law of defamation. What exactly is that category of things which need special protection?

Let us look to the penal law, the Penal Code. What are the items of defamation? Section 499 is there. There are many sections and some exceptions have also been mentioned. For instance, it is not a defamation to impute anything which is true concerning any person, if it be for the public good. Now the Bill before us says that even if it is not true, whatever it be, it can have protection only if it is for public good, not otherwise. Even if you pass this Bill, not any publication gets protection; you get protection only if it is for public good. So, the first exception is that it must be true and it must be for public good, in which case it is no defamation. The second exception is that it is no defamation to express in

good faith any opinion whatever about a public servant, in his conduct as a public servant. You can attack any public servant. It need not necessarily be true; it will still not be defamatory. For the publication of that, no special protection is necessary. Thirdly, it is not defamation to express in good faith any opinion whatever in the conduct of any person touching any public question. Therefore, so far as a public servant is concerned, you can criticise him and no special protection is necessary. It is not defamatory, even if your criticism happens to be untrue. So far as a non-public servant is concerned, you can criticise him on his behaviour with respect to public questions. There also it is not defamation. It may be defamatory in the literal sense, but not in the legal sense, and no special protection is necessary.

Again, according to section 499, you can criticise a public judgment, it is not defamatory.

So, what exactly is the class of cases which needs special protection? This is the point that I want to emphasize to which I want to draw the attention of the House.

The class of cases which needs special protection is not attack against a public servant; it is not attack on a politician on a question of public importance but on a person who does not come under any of these classes, an unfortunate fellow against whom you may be making some statement. If that statement is true then also it is protected. If it is untrue, then alone special protection becomes necessary.

Therefore the point is, is it to be a part of the privilege of this House that you attack a private citizen who has nothing to do with public conduct, who is not a public servant at all and attack him with allegations which are untrue which are proved to be untrue, and you carry on that attack?

SHRI S KUNDU Who proved it?

SHRI C M STEPHEN Which is substantially untrue? If it is true, you are safe, it is not defamatory. If it is untrue, then alone it becomes defamatory.

SHRI S KUNDU It cannot be.

SHRI C M STEPHEN If the attack is against a non-politician, a non-public man, if the attack is against a non-Government servant, non-public servant, if the attack is against a private individual and the allegation is not true, then the publication becomes actionable, coming within the definition of section 499. That alone needs protection.

The simple question I am putting before the House is, is that sort of allegation to be encouraged? I would beseech Mr Advani to point out a case other than that which I have mentioned for the publication of which special protection is necessary. This is the only case as far as my information goes.

Therefore, because there is a Parliament here, because we have immunity here, you can make an attack, nobody stands in the way, and that can go into the publication of this Parliament but if it goes into the newspapers, what is the protection of that individual? That individual has absolutely no protection, there is no action which he can take. Is that the state of affairs to be permitted? Is that to be encouraged? Is that contributory to the common weal? That is the simple question that I am putting forward. I am inviting your attention to rule 353 of our Rules of Procedure.

"No allegation of a defamatory or incriminatory nature shall be made by a member against any person unless the member has given previous intimation to the Speaker and also to the Minister concerned so that the Minister may be able to make an investigation into the matter for the purpose of a reply."

In my experience, and I hope I will be sustained by the other Members of this House, this provision is as good as dead. If you want to make an attack against a non-entity who does not come under the categories I have mentioned, the rule says that you should give notice to the Speaker and the Minister concerned about the allegation that you are going to make about that non-entity. What is the investigation that the Minister is going to make, how is he interested in replying to it, how is the individual to be protected? The only protection is the Petitions Committee. The Committee investigates, the thing is filed, nobody cares to publish it because it is after a year or so, and no further proceedings are available to us. When we pass this Bill, I want to urge the feelings of a large number of people who may come in for malignment. We are 542 Members here. How many of us are indulging in that sort of thing? I can point out one or two, not more than that, who are specialising in this sort of blackmail and you want to give him protection. You are not concerned about the common man, the public man, the public concern maligned on the Floor of this House and that malignment campaign getting round with the result that that man is 'murdered' in the public. What I wish to emphasise is that you pass this Bill in all good faith, but I do not understand what public interest is served.

You should take care about other cases also. You should think of certain provisions to protect the other persons also, and if necessary, the Rules of Procedure may be amended. If a petition comes before the Committee on Petitions, that matter may be published and that may get much publication than the previous one. Let us protect the common man and the simple man of this country who is now being brought under malignment campaign for no fault of his own. For another purpose printa

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facie there is nothing objectionable thing about this Bill. But according to me this is a mischief that can creep in against him behind the cover for which some protective measures are called for.

डा० राम जी सिंह (भागनपुर)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय हमारे प्रतिपक्ष के मित्रगण भी यह साहस नहीं करेंगे कि जा हमारी स्वतंत्रता के सम्बन्ध में आघात हुआ था उसका वे विरोध करत। जिस विधेयक का प्रावधान और जिनकी प्रेरणा श्री फीरोज गांधी द्वारा हुई थी उसको न्यस्त कर दिया गया। उसका इमर्जेंसी से कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं था। वह सविधान की एक स्वतंत्र धारा में अनुबन्ध हो गया था। यह बिल जिसको हमारे सामने न्यस्त किया जा रहा है, अगर वह गृह्यता तो उससे केवल समाचार पत्र की स्वतंत्रता पर ही आघात नहीं होता बल्कि सदन के सादा की स्वतंत्रता पर भी आघात होना। सबसे बड़ा आघात जो होना वह यह कि मर्याद प्रकट नहीं हो सकता था। यह सदन न तो आप का है और न मेरा है बल्कि यह सदन भारत वर्ष की 62 करोड़ जनता का है और इसलिए हम यहां जो बोलते हैं वह जनता के सामने जाना चाहिए। इस बीच जनता और सदन के बीच में जो दीवार खड़ी करने का दुष्कर्म और पड़्यत्र किया गया, आज बहुत खुशी है कि आपका सहयोग से उसको हम न्यस्त कर रहे हैं। अभी आपने सामने कहा गया कि ब्रिटिश पार्लियामेंट में भी ऐसी बात नहीं थी। यह सीमाव्य की बात है कि ब्रिटिश पार्लियामेंट में भी एक स्वतंत्र सदस्य ने ही यह प्रश्न उठाया था और भारतीय सदन में भी एक स्वतंत्र सदस्य श्री फीरोज गांधी—न इस प्रश्न को उठाया था। स के सम्बन्ध में कई आरोप लगाए जाते हैं—यह कहा जाता है कि यहां हम लोग जो कुछ बोलते हैं उसको मही-मही अंग्रेजों से नहीं छुपाया जाता है। हमारे दा मित्रों

ने कुछ उद्धरण भी दिये। लेकिन अभी हमारे मित्र चैटर्जी साहब ने बतलाया कि इस की धारा 3 उपधारा 2 में तीन बातें का उल्लेख है—जा भी रिपोर्ट पब्लिश की जाय वह सम्पत्तिहीन है। यहां पर हम देखते हैं कि एक शब्द भी गलत नहीं होता है और उसका बाद श्रुति करने के लिये भी दिया जाता है। इस लिये इस में कोई गलत बात होने की गुंजाइश ही नहीं है। इस में एक बात यह भी है कि किसी प्रकार का पूर्वाग्रह नहीं है। जब इतनी बात है तो इस सदन की कार्यवाही हमारे अवधारो मन आये—यह उचित नहीं है। उपाध्यक्ष महोदय हम जो भारनवर्ण के प्रतिनिधि यहां पर बैठे हैं और जो सोचते हैं कि हमारा जो चिन्तन होता है वह हमारी जनता के पास जाना चाहिये—पिछले कानून में वह सम्भव नहीं हो पा रहा था। अब जनता के पास सही स्थिति पहुंच सकेगी।

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हमारे प्रतिपक्ष के एक मित्र ने बतलाया कि जो अनुपस्थित लोग हैं, उनके विषय में जो आरोप लगाये जाते हैं उनका डिफेन्स लेने वाला यहां कोई नहीं होता है। उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, हम सोचना चाहिये कि प्रत्येक व्यक्ति का सार्वजनिक जीवन में अपना व्यक्तित्व होना है उसका व्यक्तित्व एक दण्ड के समान होता है। सार्वजनिक जीवन का कोई भी व्यक्ति अगर यह सोचे कि हम घटायों में रहें तो ऐसा नहीं हो सकता है। उस का जीवन पारदर्शी दर्पण के समान चमकना चाहिये। इस लिये सचमुच में हमारे सामने ऐसी कोई बात नहीं है।

जब पुराने रिल पर पिछली 'नोब' सभा में विचार हो रहा था उस समय हमारे पिछले मंत्री ने कहा था कि हमारे मौखी साहब सी, आई, ए के एजेंट है या

के० जी० वी० के एजेन्ट हैं—मैं ऐसा समझता हूँ कि ऐसी भ्रामक बातें तहने में जनता पर कोई भ्रम नहीं पड़ता है। जब भारतवर्ष का जनतन्त्र इतना परिपक्व हो रहा है कि वह इस तानाशाही को हटा सकता है तो वह इस प्रकार के भ्रामक सत्य और झूठ में भी विभेद कर सकता है कि मोदी साहब सी आई ए० के एजेन्ट है या के० जी० वी० के एजेन्ट हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय, हिन्दुस्तान के प्रेम के सम्बन्ध में कहा गया है कि गैर-जवाबदेह हैं। मैं कहना चाहता हूँ कि आप धाड़ा प्रेस कमीशन की एन्वायरी रिपोर्ट को पढ़िये—उस से आप को मालूम कुछ स्पष्ट हो जायगा। उस में बताया गया है कि सचमुच में भारत वर्ष का प्रेस समूची दुनिया में अधिक से अधिक उत्तरदायी प्रेस रहा है। इस लिये प्रेम की स्वतन्त्रता पर आपात करना देश की स्वतन्त्रता पर आपात करना होगा। यहाँ पर कहा गया कि यह बिल तुरन्त नहीं आया था। लेकिन अभी एन माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि ब्रिटिश पार्लियामेंट में भी बहुत दिनों के बाद आया था। यहाँ भी यह बिल एकाएक नहीं आया था, इस के पीछे कुछ पृष्ठभूमि है—1956 में पी० टी आई ने मीडियनगर की वेज के बारे में बहुत कुछ लिखा था, नेहरू जी ने सावरकर के विषय में बहुत कुछ कहा था, फीरोजशाही जी ने आर० के० डालमिया पर बहुत से आरोप लगाए थे—लेकिन इन सब बातों को छानने की मजबूरी की हिम्मत नहीं हुई थी। अभी चन्द प्यारे ताल के बारे में बहुत सी बातें रिपोर्ट में आईं लेकिन वे भी मजबूरी में पूरी तरह से छप नहीं सकीं इस लिये इस कानून की जरूरत पड़ी। उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, अगर इस सदन की कार्यवाही मजबूरी में नहीं छपी जा सकती तो सत्य ठका हुआ रहेगा। इस लिये यह बिल सचमुच में सत्य का उपभाग है।

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, हम बहुत खुशी हैं कि हमारे प्रतिपक्ष के मित्रों ने इस का समर्थन किया, लेकिन थोड़ा देरी हुई जवान में। मेरी दूसरी ही प्रार्थना थी, अगर दिन खोल कर समर्थन करते तो उन का पुण्य हम लोगों के साथ होता। इस तरह का समर्थन में तो उन के हृदय की बाली भावना प्रकट हो रही है। जा कुछ भी कहा जाय उन्मुक्त हृदय से कहा जाय। इतना ही कह कर मैं आप को बहुत धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

SHRI C K CHANDRAPPA
(Cannanore) I rise to support this Bill immediately after Emergency was declared the Government had brought forward two obnoxious Bills. One was the repeal of the Feroze Gandhi Act and the other was the Prevention of publication of Objectionable Matter Act. At that time also we made it clear that our Party was opposed to this measure and we made it clear because of the very fact that in a democracy the functioning of Parliament should not be kept a secret from the people. The people should come to know what is happening in Parliament and the Press should be able to report without fear what are the demands voiced by the representatives of the people in Parliament. We feel that this Act prevented the Press from discharging its responsibility.

Now, it was stated by my Hon friend Shri Stephen that even in the British Parliament in the ancient days, reporting of Parliamentary proceedings was considered to be a matter of breach of privilege. In those days perhaps democracy as we understand it today was not existing. Today, if the representatives of the people who are elected to Parliament come here and misbehave, then I am sure that the greatest guarantee is that the people will not elect them again bill

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send them back to Parliament. So, if the representatives of the people are unworthy of becoming representatives of the people, that fact should also be reported to the people—that there are certain Members behaving in a manner which is not worthy of the position they are enjoying.

While supporting this Bill I would like to make one thing clear, that in a democratic system it is absolutely essential that the people should know what is happening in the Parliament and the Press should be able to convey this information to the people. That was prevented when the former Government repealed the Feroze Gandhi Act. Today, I must say that if the Congress is forced to sit in the Opposition, one of the greatest contributory factors is these two Bills because, in the name of protecting the dignity of Parliament and in the name of protecting the dignity of Members of Parliament, what was done was to keep the country in darkness as to what was happening in the Parliament. This was not a thing which was expected when Emergency was declared. While misusing the powers bestowed under the Emergency, with a kind of arrogance, they tried to arrogate themselves to a position of being protected from everything. The people rejected this and that rejection should come as a lesson to those who are in power and those who are in the Opposition. In this country our people are mature enough to understand how the Parliament should function in a democratic set-up and what should be the responsibility of the Members of Parliament. This Bill in my opinion offers a proper balance so that the representatives of the people who come to this House will speak freely whatever opinions they would like to voice in this Parliament on behalf of the people while the Press will be free from fear in reporting it. That is the greatest contribution of this Bill. The press will be free from fear to report back to the people that this is what

their representatives are doing in Parliament.

Mr. Stephen was saying that there are other laws by which the freedom of the press could be protected. They are not enough. In a democracy, if the press has to report and then all the time they have to keep themselves under fear whether there will be a defamation case I do not think that the press will be able to discharge its duties. This was exactly the argument the Member was advancing when the Bill was introduced during Emergency, this was exactly the defence put forward by the then Minister, Shri V. C. Shukla, that the press could report and then face the proceedings in the court if they violated the law of the land. That should not be the case of the press in a democracy. That is why, we support this Bill. This is the greatest guarantee that what we are doing in this House will be reported to the people fearlessly by the press.

Another point I would like to make in this connection is this. Now the press will be free—after we have enacted this legislation. I do not know whether it is a fact, but I hear from some pressmen that the Lok Sabha Secretariat is often imposing several restrictions on the press when they are reporting matters about the proceedings of the House. I request the hon. Minister to look into that, because, that would be some kind of a harassment of the press. If it is not true, he may make it clear.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: As far as the Lok Sabha Secretariat is concerned it is for the Speaker to look into it.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: You may kindly look into it, Sir. It is not that I am making a complaint, but if such a thing is happening, it will not help fair reporting of the proceedings of the House.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER I do not think there are any restrictions.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA With these words, I would like to support this Bill. I once again extend my congratulations to the hon. Minister, Shri L. K. Advani, for having brought forward this Bill.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR (Gandhinagar) Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I wish to congratulate the hon. Minister doubly, I had done it yesterday and I wish to do so today also with great pleasure, and in doing so, may I take the opportunity to pay my tribute to late Shri Feroze Gandhi for the manner in which he fought for this right of the press which is really the right of Parliament, because we sitting in this House have a right to reach our voters, and we reach the voters only through the press. It was late Shri Feroze Gandhi who, with his very characteristic outlook of independence and his characteristic sense of understanding of democracy at the grass-root level and at the national level, was responsible for bringing the original Bill in 1956, and I must pay my tribute to him once again. I had the privilege of knowing him closely, and I am sure, his spirit and soul will rejoice on our having brought this measure back on the Statute Book.

The great tragedy was that the previous Government brought their Bill and got it rushed through in such a mad hurry that, although some of us on this side of the House, i.e. the Opposition, opposed it, they were not mindful of any opposition, they were completely drowned, I would say, in the arrogance of power, they were more than drunken in that mentality of absolute power. Their Bill meant a kind of barrier between Parliament and the people, because the press was being gagged, it was an unbearable, unpardonable and unjustifiable wrong. I am glad that that wrong has now

been righted by the present Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

The word 'Parliament' has come from parley which means 'to talk'. I remember, the late Deputy Prime Minister of Britain, Herbert Morrison, —under the Labour Government of Prime Minister Clement Attlee—once described the British Parliament as a talking shop, not in the sense that we talk shop here. We do not just talk shop, we talk here business, meaning people's interests and welfare, so that the business goes back to the people, and people bring their own business back to us which we bring to the notice of the Government. We talk here so that it is reported there in the homes and huts of the countless people of our country, and that work is done through the press media. We are the spokesmen, we are the *vachaspathis*, of our voters, of our masters, and if what the *vachaspathis* or the spokesmen talk here is not reported back to the masters in their huts and homes, then what is the point in having this sovereign Parliament?

I would conclude by saying that the Members of Parliament and their constituencies, and the Members of Parliament and our country, can be combined only by a process of communication and contact and this communication and contact between the rulers and the ruled is possible only if full and continuous courtesy and consideration are extended to the citizens of our Republic, who are both our voters and masters.

Lastly, I cannot resist the temptation of paying tribute to many of those journals, both underground and on the surface, which carried the message of several of us in Parliament, even though it was a truncated Parliament, even though it was a subservient Parliament, to the people. Some of us, may I say in all humility, had the privilege even in that kind of Parliament to say things fearlessly, without any fear or favour, openly and fully, and our message was sent out

[Prof P G Mavankar]

during those blackest, most difficult and dangerous days of the long period of emergency of 19 months. At that time the mass media for us were absent and silent and this job was done continuously and well by the invisible and visible media of persons and certain journals. People were fed by the open and underground journals which were kept vigorously alive. I mentioned some papers yesterday and I would like to mention today a few more like *The Statesman* from Delhi and *Calcutta Mainstream Weekly Freedom First* edited by our old friend and colleague Shri Minoo Masani, *Janata Weekly* from Bombay edited by another of our old and esteemed colleagues Shri N G Goray and Gujarati papers like *Bhumiputra*, *Nirikshak* and *Prabuddha Jeetan*, and in Marathi the *Manus* weekly, *Kartavya*, an occasional miscellany and many others which carried on the work of reporting Parliamentary speeches in spite of the repeal of the Feroze Gandhi Act. I want to pay my tribute to all these underground and surface agencies and journals who did such a good job.

Sir, we would be very happy as long as this country and this House has the guarantee that the debate continues in Parliament and outside. When I say this, I am reminded of a BBC programme under the title 'Debate Continues'. Perhaps, Shri Advani could do something on the lines. Years ago I remember listening regularly to that programme Princess Indira of Kapurthala giving an account of what happened in the House of Commons and the House of Lords back to British people and the world at large through the overseas service of BBC. A debate should continue in the Parliament as also through the press media outside Parliament.

We are grateful to Shri Advani and the present Janata Government who have sought a repeal of the bad Act and have brought in this Bill to revive the Feroze Gandhi Act. I wish to

congratulate Shri Advani once again for that.

SHRI SOUGATA ROY (Barrackpore) Mr Deputy-Speaker, Sir, as yesterday today also I rise not in opposition of the Bill. As we have said a number of times from this side, our job is not to defend the indefensible. Our leader, Shri Chavan has admitted that the verdict of the people against the Congress was due to some excesses committed during Emergency. We shall not therefore, speak about that. The hon members from the ruling party in these few days of Parliament session have spoken *ad nauseum* about their bravado and courage during Emergency. There is no need to go back to all those things, let us think together constructively of a new India, in which we will have better future for all the citizens. I am very glad that today in this House we have heard such eulogising remarks about Shri Feroze Gandhi and today Shri Advani by this enactment is going to put again into operation the Feroze Gandhi Act. That Act was, in fact, a great Act in order to defend the fourth Estate of democracy, namely the press. That will also complete the privileges of Parliament given under Article 105 (2) of the Constitution. I do not know whether it is out of real respect for Shri Feroze Gandhi or in an effort to denigrate his spouse Shrimati Indira Gandhi our former Prime Minister that all this eulogy has been placed here. But the relation of the ruling benches to Feroze Gandhi does not end with again putting into operation the Feroze Gandhi Act. If I remember right, it was in this House that Shri Feroze Gandhi made an impassioned appeal for an inquiry into the Mundhra affair and on his appeal, the Chagla Commission was appointed and among the various persons which that Chagla Commission named was Mr H M Patel, the present Finance Minister and here the present Government relates itself to Feroze Gandhi in various ways, not only in the Press Act but also with regard to his efforts to unveil the Mundhra mystery.

I have just heard Mr Chatterjee also our eminent colleague from Bengal, doyen of Bengal lawyers and son of one of the topmost lawyers in the country, speak about Shri Feroze Gandhi I think his Marxist colleagues will not agree with every thing he has said Possibly they will say 'that he has not properly declassified himself and that is why he went out so much to praise the Congress in 1956 If Mr Somnath Chatterjee will take the care of going into what the Marxists used to say in 1956 about Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru I think he would have said differently from what he has said to day But I will not go into what the Marxists said in 1956 about Jawaharlal Nehru But what I want to remind Mr Chatterjee is that he has so eloquently spoken about the responsibility of the Press in this country If my memory serves me right in 1969 when the United Front Government was in power in West Bengal and Mr Jyoti Bosu of Mr Chatterjee's Party was the Home Minister crowds of CPM Youth organisation went and ransacked the *Ananda Bazar Patrika's* office and then they offered no apologies for what was done at that time It is good that Mr Chatterjee's attitude towards the Press and the *Patrikas* has changed in the meantime (Interruptions)

You attacked *Ananda Bazar Patrika's* office Don't forget You are talking about democracy Mr Somnath Chatterjee is talking about democracy He is speaking so eloquently about releasing the Naxalite prisoners. If my memory serves me right Mr Jyoti Bosu, the then CPM Home Minister of West Bengal sent the Eastern Frontier Rifles to Gubballebhpur and Debra to quell the Naxalites revolt there And to-day suddenly they have become democratic and are speaking in eulogy of the democratic processes If this great country has succeeded in making the Marxists democratic once again we bow our heads to this great country

It is not so much due to Somnath Babus great flexibility and malleability but due to the pressurising effect of the great democratic people of this country that this has been done

I again submit as I said Yesterday this Bill like the Yesterday's Bill was a corollary of the emergency and when the emergency has been lifted, this Bill should be repealed along with that and besides there is no necessity of this Bill to day because all the members in fear of whom the law had to be enacted are all sitting on the ruling benches If my memory serves me right I was not a member of Parliament at that time You were in the Rajya Sabha at that time How many times did it happen that you found Mr Raj Narain lying on the floor of the Rajya Sabha and being carried by the Marshals of the House outside? How many times did it happen that here in the Lok Sabha the proceedings were interrupted by Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu, such an eloquent supporter of the ruling benches, and Mr Madhu Limaye who is such an eloquent supporter of the ruling benches? For three months the session of Parliament could not go on on a single scandal of Rs 70000 You know yourself one days session of Parliament costs the State Exchequer more than Rs 1 lakh and for three months it was held up because they wanted to find out about some scandals If the Congress Opposition which is bigger than what the Opposition was at that time takes the same attitude what will happen? I am younger than either Shri Madhu Limaye or Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu If I use my lung power at the same level the Government cannot go on All legislative business will come to a stop Even on the floor of the House if I make vituperative things against the Minister if I find out skeletons from the cover of every Minister, what will happen?

While I support the Bill I want to remind the Members that it should be the effort of all of us whether in

[Shri Sougata Roy]

the ruling party or in the Opposition to enhance the honour and the dignity of this august House which is the true representative of the people of this great country. It is in this channel that our efforts should be directed.

For the last two days I have been hearing too much about the BBC and the praise of the American Press. I beg of every member with folded hands let us not model the White Hall or the White House democracy. Ours is a poor country, but country with a great past and with a great heritage. Let us not imitate the White Hall democracy which Prof. Mavalankar or Mr. Subramaniam Swamy or anybody of the ruling benches want to emulate. Let us build up Indian model of democracy with our great tradition of tolerance, with great tradition of listening to other people and have respect for the feelings of other persons. Whatever has happened in the past. (Interruptions)

Mr. Kundu, I was not there. Let us bring a good future.

SHRI S. KUNDU: The wounds are still raw. (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please take your seat now. This is not the way to interrupt. I have been hearing so many interruptions. But this is not the way to interrupt. (Interruptions)

SHRI SOUGATA ROY: In all humility I may say that it is good that the ban on the press has been lifted and that the press can publish anything that will be spoken in the Parliament. But as I said yesterday, there is no real freedom possible under capitalism. If I speak today against some owner, some business magnate who happens to give advertisements stating facts to big newspapers, it will not be printed in the paper. I spoke the other day on the floor of this House

about the need to nationalise all jute mills—none of the papers printed it. The reason is simple. It is because the big monopoly house papers get advertisement from big jute mill owners. Not only that, the jute mill owners themselves are the owners of the press and publications.

While I support the Bill, I will again implore Shri Advani to think over this matter. There will be no real freedom of the press unless you diffuse the ownership of the press, unless the working journalists have a share in the ownership of the press, unless real socialist ownership takes part in the press and the press is freed out of the clutches of the new jute mill owners, landlords and monopolists in this country.

SHRI S. KUNDU: When shall I get the chance to speak?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Mr. Kundu, I must remind you now. You must give your name to the whip. I have called all the persons whose names were given. About others, if time permitted, I could have called.

SHRI S. KUNDU: We have to take all the whips, including your whip.

The point I am urging is that at about 3 O'clock, you said it will conclude at 1540 and you will give each speaker not more than five minutes.

But the speaker who just concluded his speech, spoke for more than 11 minutes or 12 minutes. We are waiting and some speaker whose name is not in the list has been called.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You must know there are very few speakers from the Congress benches and the time consumed by the entire Congress benches is less.

SHRI S. KUNDU: You have your discretion. I am not disputing your discretion. But the discretion should always be judicious.

MR DEPUTY-SPEAKER I have been very judicious, Mr Kundu Just because you could not get a chance, I cannot help I have been very judicious I have tried to accommodate as many groups as possible and I have tried to accommodate as many speakers from the Janta Party as possible So you should have no complaint on that account

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L K ADVANI) I deem it a singular good fortune that both the legislative measures that I have had to pilot in this session have received unanimous support from the House From a majority of the members the support has been enthusiastic and unreserved But by some members—yesterday there was one person today perhaps two—there have been some reservations expressed and even though they have supported the Bill they have voiced certain misgivings about what would happen if the Bill is passed First of all I would like to refer to two speeches, one that of Mr Stephen and the other that of Mr Songata Roy While Mr Stephen said that this kind of immunity will work against people who are not public servants not members of this House who are outside this House and it is essentially for them that this immunity was sought to be given my friend Mr Songata Roy raised a contrary point and said that if he or any member speaks against the jute press etc or against capitalists that is not reported He was more concerned with seeing what he says in the House about non-members being reported saying, it should not be left to them to report or not to report.

15 31 hrs

[SHRI S D PATIL in the Chair]

I find myself unable to accept these arguments so far as this Bill is concerned It is a simple Bill as the Statement of Objects and Reasons indicates Going through the entire debate that took place on the last Bill and this one I am not able to find an

note of justification to show how the original immunity was in any way abused The allegations which used to be made on the floor of the House against the Ministers were all published It may be Mr Madhu Limaye or Mr Jyotirmoy Bosu or Mr Raj Narain They were published They wanted to see that this should not be published Mr Songata Roy says that this was because during the emergency this was necessary The same argument which was made yesterday was repeated today also I would again repeat that neither of these Bills had anything to do with emergency

As I said while moving the previous Bill I regard it as the previous Government's attempt to institutionalise the press curbs which could normally be imposed only during the emergency It was an attempt to perpetuate this control If this had continued on the statute book the Indian Press would have been fettered the Indian Press would have been a shackled press they would never be able to express the voice of the people The other Bill that repealed the Feroze Gandhi Bill had nothing to do with emergency During the emergency the proceedings of Parliament were censored and blacked-out This was something unheard of in the history of democracy My friend was eloquent and objected to references being made to BBC and American experience I am ready to benefit by the experience of everyone I am proud of the fact that India has tried to build up a tradition of its own It has got a heritage of its own in the field of functioning of Parliamentary Democracy But I am certainly not at all proud of it I feel ashamed when I find that during this period of thirty years there is a period of dark and dismal phase that started on 26th of June 1975 and that ended only with the installation of this new Government I cannot think that that is also going to be a part of my Indian democratic heritage

I would like to forget it altogether But if my friends on the opposite

[Shri L. K. Advani
side continue to swear by it and continue to hold that all that took place during that time was necessary and good was therefore for the country and was beneficial for democracy. Then I am sorry to say that the report that I am keen to build up will not be built up. We have to move away from this dark past we have to find that and you can help to make us forget it. There had been several friends on that side who are constant to express freely. But I would appeal to them to be frank and forthright. So far as Mr Stephen's arguments were concerned as like yesterday they were painfully laboured. He himself said that there had been perhaps two or three instances. He named a couple of names and lesser instance, may be found out where because of the immunity given to the press non-members have been seriously affected and on the basis of that, you want to put the whole press in situation where for every single line or word that he writes, he has to wait to see if it is going to bind him in trouble or not? Democracy is based upon public opinion and the highest forum for the ventilation of public opinion is this Lok Sabha. The representatives of the people are here and the opinion expressed here can be regarded in a way as representative public opinion. And this has to guide us. And if we were to talk amongst ourselves and only a few in the press gallery or in the visitors' gallery are to listen to us and not the entire world outside then the democracy cannot function in a healthy manner. If some of us say something wrong whether on this side or that side I would say that it is the right of the people to know what wrong do we say. It is only after listening to what wrong that we say that they will be able to judge how our representatives here are functioning.]

Sir yesterday my esteemed friend Shri Mavalankar reminded me of a phrase of Jefferson. He said that when Jefferson was once asked whether, if he had a choice between a

government without a free press and a free press without a government, what would he choose he said that he would choose the latter—a free press without Government. I regard it as remarkable. This kind of statement was made by a person who had been the subject of what is known as vilification and character assassination of the worst kind from the American Press. It was his experience when he was in Government. When he became the president or even before that, he had to face a barrage of criticisms and even vilifications from the press. Even then he maintained it because he held that by and large political parties can be of two kinds broadly speaking one which trusts the people and the other that distrusts the people.

This Janata Government that has come into being if I were to identify an important characteristic of it is this. I would say that the basic characteristic of this Government will be that it starts from the position of trust. It trusts the people, it trusts every single institution of democracy; it trusts the press. It trusts the judiciary it trusts the Parliament. You have a brief glance at the number of laws and the constitutional amendments that were enacted during the last twenty months by the previous Government. You will find that they betrayed distrust of the press. And this is one of the Bills that is sought to restore now this trust of Parliament.

Some of the provisions of the Forty-Second (Amendment) Act betrayed distrust even of Parliament and of the judiciary. Almost a series of laws can be cited where the judiciary powers are sought to be shut out. They should not be justiciable. All told, they added to our distrust of the people as a whole and I would say that, if today, the Congress has been rejected or if the Congress has come to the present pass, one of the reasons was that the Government in office distrusted even its own party, even the

Congress Party was distrusted by the government in office. So this distrust has been the main reason for the debacle of the party in opposition today which was in government till yesterday. So we start from the position of trust. This Bill that I have commended to you believes that the press can be fully trusted to perform its role.

Sir, here I would also like to say that it is an earnest of our faith that we for the first time in the 30 years started with saying that the Prime Minister should address the nation and on the next day the leader of the Opposition should address the nation. This is a measure of our earnest.

Sir, as Mr. Mayalankar was pointing out it is not sufficient to pass laws. Something more is needed and what more needed is this kind of trust. Because of this trust we will be able to gradually shed the powers that you have accumulated. Look at these bills? What do they amount to? They amount to entrusting the government with lot of power. When we pass these laws we are shedding the power that has been concentrated in this government. We think by doing this we are strengthening democracy, we are strengthening the people, we are strengthening the Parliament and thereby strengthening the government. With these words I thank you again for having given unanimous support to this Bill.

MR CHAIRMAN: The question is

That the Bill to protect the publication of reports of proceedings of Parliament, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR CHAIRMAN: Now we take up clause by clause consideration of the Bill. There are no amendments.

The question is

"That clauses 2 to 4 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2 to 4 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1—(Short title, extent and commencement)

MR CHAIRMAN: Now I will take up clause 1. There is one amendment in the name of Shri Samar Guha. He is absent. The second amendment is in the name of Shri Lakhan Lal Kapoor.

श्री लखनलाल कपूर (पूणिया) सभा
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संशोधन पेश करना चाहता हूँ—

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श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी: इस संबंध
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जब से कि गमच का अधिवेशन शुरू हुआ तब

[श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी]

से सेवा प्राप्त कर जो कार्यवाही हुई है, उस
लिए एमनेन्टी रहेगी—यह एक व्यावहारिक
बदल हम ने लिया है। इस लिए मैं आप में
अनुरोध करता हूँ कि आप अपने ससोधन का
वापस ले लें।

MR CHAIRMAN Do you press
your amendment?

SHRI LAKHAN LAL KAPOOR I
seek leave of the House to withdraw
my amendment

*The amendment was by leave with-
drawn.*

MR CHAIRMAN The question is
"That clause 1, the Enacting
Formula and the Title stand part
of the Bill"

The motion was adopted

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and
the Title were added to the Bill

SHRI L K ADVANI I beg to
move

"That the Bill be passed."

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted

545 hrs

STATEMENT RE ENQUIRIES
AGAINST 'AVARD' AND SOME
OTHER ORGANISATIONS

THE MINISTER OF HOME AF-
FAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN
SINGH) Sir, on receipt of

certain complaints, enqui-
ries were initiated by the Income
Tax Department against the Associa-
tion of Voluntary Agencies for Rural
Development, the Gandhi Peace
Foundation and the Gandhian Insti-
tute of Studies, Varanasi Pending
completion of these enquiries instruc-
tions were issued on 31st July, 1976
to all State Governments and Union
Territory Administrations as well as
all Ministries and Departments of the
Central Government prohibiting grant
of any financial assistance to these
organisations Although the enqui-
ries have not yet been completed, we
have received interim reports from
the income tax authorities which seem
to indicate that appropriate action for
violations of income tax laws can be
taken under the relevant law and
there is no need to continue the res-
trictions on financial assistance im-
posed earlier In view of this posi-
tion, the instructions issued in this
regard are being withdrawn and the
income tax authorities are being ad-
vised to take such action under law
as may be found necessary as a result
of their investigations

I would add that the interim reports
that have been received by Govern-
ment so far indicate that there was
no diversion of funds for political
purposes.

PROF P G MAVALANKAR
(Gandhinagar) I suppose, Chaudhuri
Charan Singhji was replying to Shri
Jyotirmoy Bose's point raised earlier

MR CHAIRMAN He is making
a suo moto statement It is not in
reply to that

15 47 hrs

**STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE
INCREASING THE EXPORT DUTY
ON COFFEE GROUNDNUT KER
NEL, GROJNDNUT IN SHELL AND
CARDAMOM**

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
AND REVENUE AND BANKING
(SHRI H M PATEL)** I beg to move
the following Resolution —

That in pursuance of sub section (2) of section 8 read with sub section (3) of section 7 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975) this House approves the following Notifications of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Banking namely —

(a) No G S R 870(E) dated the 6th November 1976 in increasing the export duty on coffee from Rs 300 per quintal to Rs 1300 per quintal

(b) No G S R 877(E) dated the 13th November 1976 in reasing the export duty on groundnut kernel from Rs 800 per tonne to Rs 1500 per tonne and on groundnut in shell from Rs 800 per tonne to Rs 1125 per tonne and

(c) No G S R 13(E) dated the 12th January 1977 levying an export duty on cardamom at the rate of Rs 50 per kilo gram under the new Heading No 22 in the Second Schedule to the said Act,

from the date of each of the notifications aforesaid."

Following the steep increase in the international coffee prices in the latter half of 1975 the export duty on coffee had been increased from Rs 50 per quintal to Rs 300 per quintal on 12 February 1976. The current price of Uganda Robusta Coffee in the London market in February 1976 was around £ 850 per tonne. From April 1976 world coffee prices again began to increase rapidly. The shortage of stocks appeared also to

be compounded by the operation of speculative forces which resulted in the price increase. The price situation in regard to coffee was kept under watch. It could not however be said with reasonable certainty whether the increased prices would be sustained. After climbing to a level of nearly \$ 1600 at the end of June 1975 there was a sharp break in the price in July when it again fell to £ 1100. Thereafter the price once again increased. Taking note of the increase in world prices the export duty on coffee was raised on 6 November 1976 from Rs 300 per quintal to Rs 1300 per quintal under notification GSR No 870 (E).

Prior to 13 November 1976 there was an export duty of Rs 800 per tonne on groundnut kernel and Rs 600 per tonne on groundnut in shell. In November 1976 when an export duty of 50 000 tonnes was allowed by the Commerce Ministry the rate of export duty was reviewed. Prices of groundnut kernels in the domestic market then ranged between Rs 3000 and Rs 3500 per tonne depending upon the quality and the size. On the other hand the likely realisation from exports of HPS groundnut (kernels) was estimated to be over \$600 per tonne. Having regard to the level of internal and international prices of groundnut it was decided to increase the export duty on groundnut kernel from Rs 800 to Rs 1500 per tonne and on groundnut in shell from Rs 600 to Rs 1125.

Cardamom prices which were fairly steady in the international market till about August 1976 began to increase rapidly during the last quarter of the year. Alleppey green variety of cardamom was quoted in London market between £2 70 and Rs 3 per pound during the period March to August 1976. By December 1976 the price climbed up to £6 75 per pound. The question of a levy of export duty on cardamom was therefore examined with reference to prevailing domestic and international prices and it was decided on 12 January 1977 to levy a duty of Rs 50

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per kg on cardamom under notification No GSR No 13(E). A low priced variety of cardamom known by the botanical name of *Amomum Subulatum* was however exempted from this levy.

Immediately after the notification levying export duty was issued, representations were received from the exporters of cardamom about their inability to bear this export duty. They represented that much of the last cardamom crop had been sold out to traders who in turn had entered into export contracts. They also represented that neither would their normal margin allow them to absorb this amount of export duty nor would they be able to pass on the duty to the foreign buyers as there were no alternative sources of supply. This resulted in the export trade virtually coming to a standstill and action had to be taken to ensure that the country's exports were not adversely affected. Further, it was necessary to safeguard the interests of the grower, whose crop had been affected by the poor monsoons by seeing that the balance of the crop still with him fetched a reasonable price. The export duty was accordingly reduced after careful consideration to Rs. 10 per kg with effect from 24 February 1977 by notification GSR No 84(E).

MR CHAIRMAN Resolution moved

"That in pursuance of sub section (2) of section 8, read with sub-section (3) of section 7 of the Customs Tariff Act 1975 (51 of 1975) this House approves the following Notifications of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Banking namely —

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(b) No G S R 877(E), dated the 13th November, 1976 increasing the export duty on groundnut kernel from Rs.

300 per tonne to Rs. 1,300 per tonne and on groundnut in shell from Rs. 600 per tonne to Rs. 1,125 per tonne, and

(c) No G S R 13(E), dated the 12 January, 1977, levying an export duty on cardamom at the rate of Rs. 50 per kilogram under the new Heading No 22 in the Second Schedule to the said Act

from the date of each of the notifications aforesaid"

SHRI D B CHANDRE GOWDA (Chikamagalur) I should like to draw the attention of the hon. Finance Minister to certain points arising out of the raise in export duty. The first announcement came on 10 February 1976 and the second announcement came on 6 November 1976. The point for consideration here is that both the export duties which have been raised were raised keeping in view the new budget proposal. Sir, that apart I would like to submit that this is a storm in the coffee cup which has a crippling effect on the coffee industry as a whole. The grower is the sufferer, not the exporter or the importing countries. We should look into the reasons why the international prices have gone up. There was a price rise in the international market. The reason for this price hike in the international market is that there was a frost in Brazil in July 1975, which destroyed about 70 per cent of the coffee crop. The civil war in Angola and the earthquake in Guatemala, floods in Colombia and Mexico and drought in South Africa are some of the major contributory factors for the decline in coffee production. Hence the international price of coffee went up. We took the best advantage of these prevailing situations outside the country and we could sell our coffee at higher prices. But the redeeming feature was when the coffee export duty was raised in February 1976 to Rs. 300 per quintal, at that time about 4765 tonnes of coffee was already in the

pipeline The duty which was raised in February 1976 did not cover the quantity of coffee which was already in the pipeline, neither the exporter nor the country which was importing coffee did accept to bear the increased export duty Then came the question as to what is to be done with this quantity of coffee which was already in the pipeline May I remind the House that inspite of these things the internal market price of coffee had been maintained for such a long time and it was one fourth of the price that was prevailing in the international market

Now, the question arises as to who should bear the increased export duty so far as the coffee in the pipeline is concerned When the export duty was increased, this point was not considered and the exporters were caught unware of this situation The matter came up before the Coffee Board for discussion and ultimately it was decided that about Rs 125 crores had to be borne by the exporters themselves Again when there was a second enhancement of the duty the matter again came up for discussion it was decided that this second enhanced duty was to be paid out of the Coffee Board's Pool Funds This fund was to be made available only to the growers But the difference of increase in the export duty for the coffee which was in the pipeline was also paid out of this Pool Funds Otherwise this fund would have gone to the coffee planters This means that the planters had to pay the enhanced export duty through their nose and not the exporters This decision was taken outside the purview of the Coffee Act The Pool Funds were made available to the planters to make good the rise in export duty I would like to know why there was a crippling effect on the coffee industry Neither the exporters nor the importing countries would bear this heavy burden of enhanced export duty, from Rs. 500 to Rs 3000 per quintal in other words it has gone up from Rs. 3000

to Rs 13 000 per tonne and therefore the exporter quotes less price in the auction He keeps in mind the increased export duty, when quoting the price in the auction

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Whatever be the reasons the grower is hit Don't think of the few rich growers numbering 300 to 400 Remember that there are about 80 000 small growers in India Coffee is a hot foreign exchange earning commodity The reasons for enhancement of export duty are just a passing phase If you can abolish the export duty on tea and reduce the export duty on cardamom from Rs 50 to Rs. 10 per kg coffee has a better case for reduction of export duty I would beg of the Finance Minister to kindly reconsider this For the last so many years the internal consumption is at a standstill between 37000 to 39000 tonnes Coffee grown in India is not sufficient for our internal consumption Still to help the country earn foreign exchange we are exporting coffee and the performance has been quite good The coffee board is functioning just like a cooperative society It should be said to its credit that the coffee board has been working well for the last so many years This duty coming like a bolt from the blue has hit the entire industry and I have no hesitation in saying that it will hamper the growth of coffee production in India I want to ask the Finance Minister, if the export market price comes down are you going to create any reserve fund to help the small growers at the time of crisis or will you leave them to themselves? In fact in February when the first rise in export duty came there was representation from all sides, particularly from the growers that this duty should be levied on an *ad valorem* basis This was also supported by the Chairman of the Coffee Board and by the Board itself Keeping in mind all these considerations, I request the Finance Minister to reconsider the increase of duty in one jump from Rs 3000 to Rs 13 000 per tonne,

[Shri Chandre Gowda]

which will have a crippling effect on the industry. He should kindly consider reducing the rate and also give some assistance to make good the losses which the coffee board has suffered so far as the coffee in the pipeline is concerned which has been agreed to be exported and which the coffee board has to make good from the pool payments. This loss should be made good by the Government of India. In the interest of boosting up the export I request the Minister to see that some bargain is struck. If the duty is to be raised, it should be raised periodically so that the production of coffee is not hampered and the image we have built up in the export markets is not tarnished.

SHRI A C GEORGE (Mukandapuram) Sir this Resolution which the hon. Finance Minister is placing before the House will have far reaching effects on the farmers. I am sure Mr. Patel may have the temptation in his reply to take the plea that these notifications were issued much before he came into the Government. So I humbly seek of him to review the situation so that at a healthy agricultural set up is ensured in the southern States of India.

As my good friend Mr. Chandre Gowda has pointed out Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala are the three States which contribute almost hundred per cent of the coffee and cardamom. Of late there has been some attempt by Sikkim for cardamom. The whole logic behind this decision at one time I am sure and I have no hesitation to reassure you was in the context of certain transient and passing phases. In 1971-73 the coffee crop was around 100 thousand tonnes and we had great difficulty in finding the export markets at that time. We had to make great efforts then and we were able to export 23 thousand tonnes of coffee and our realisation was less than Rs 18 crores. But in a period of four or five years with the enormous efforts made both by the Coffee Board as well as by

the Commerce Ministry we were able to push up the market for Indian coffee in 1975-76. If I remember aright the realisation was nearly 65 crores and our export was to the tune of 60 thousand tonnes. We are just now able to establish the foothold for Indian coffee. Brazil is the most important producer of coffee. They had a frost and their crop was almost destroyed. Actually if you go into the statistics you will find that Indian crop is only 10 per cent of what is produced in Brazil. Just because the Brazilian crop is affected even to some extent which is a huge quantity, perhaps it may look as if Indian coffee is getting higher return. It is just getting out of frost which is a natural phenomenon. If you base our financial policy on certain passing phases it will have disastrous effect on the farming community. From 3000 to 13000 per tonne is a very drastic increase and it will have a crippling effect.

There is a notion prevailing among many of our friends that coffee is a planters' item. It is not so. It is a farmers' item. There are 280 big planters in this country and 66 per cent of the coffee is produced by more than 66000 small holders and so let us not be under any illusion that this duty will be passed on to the exporters. It will come straight on the head of the coffee farmers. I would request the hon. Finance Minister to review the whole position so that a market which we have built up with great effort is not lost. In 1970-71 we had a great glut but today our coffee is pushed up and has established a foothold in the international market.

Coming to cardamom, there is also a very interesting situation. In coffee 70 per cent of the production is in Karnataka, 20 per cent in Kerala and 10 per cent in Tamil Nadu. In the case of cardamom 70 per cent of the crop is in Kerala, 20 per cent in Karnataka and 10 per cent again in Tamil Nadu. So this is a crop which is somehow or the other shared between

the 3 Southern States. It was only in 1972 that there was a general clamour from the farmers to have a support price for cardamom. It is only recently that because of the 'karte' disease about which the Cardamom Board is trying its level best to find a solution the crop has come down. What used to be a crop of 3600 tonnes per year exporting to the tune of 2500 or 2600 tonnes has come down to 2000 tonnes. In regard to these two items if you try to take advantage of the temporary phenomenon it will not be in the interest of the country. We are really killing the goose which is laying the golden egg. I would request the Finance Minister to take a whole view of the situation and not to take the plea that it was not he who ordered this

It may look very innocuous if when you say that it is Rs 50 per kg. I was really confused when I read these 3 notifications. In one case it is per quintal in the other it was per tonne and when you came to cardamom you put it in kilograms. Rs. 50 per kg came to Rs 50,000 per tonne. In these 3 notifications, there is confusion about the various gradations. Rs. 50,000 per tonne is absolutely unbearable. If the Finance Minister goes into the mechanism of cardamom selling he will find that there is a traditional and peculiar system prevailing in it. Even when the crop passes from the hands of the farmer he does not realize it. Only when the exporter gets the money after the L.C. does the buyer pay him. Ultimately the farmer gets the money. Till then he is in a market limbo where nobody wants and nobody works. I request that the whole position may be reviewed. As the Finance Minister pointed out there were so many representations about both coffee and cardamom. If I remember correct at one time there was a feeling in the Finance Ministry that this was a bit too much and that

amelioratory measures have to be taken. The Finance Minister mentioned something about Rs 10 per kg and also about the quantity which was in the pipeline. In the whole international market situation these two items viz. coffee and cardamom are basically small producers' items. I would request the Finance Minister to review the whole situation and see that the farmers are benefitted and that the international market is not spoiled.

***SHRI DHARMASINH BHAI PATEL** (Porbandar) Mr Chairman, Sir the hon Finance Minister Shri Patel, has selected three items (1) Coffee (2) Groundnut and (3) Cardamom. So far as Coffee and Cardamom are concerned, Hon ble Members have already spoken earlier and as such I am not going to take any more time of the House. I have to say about the export of groundnut only.

Sir our country i.e. country of Bharat is primarily an agriculture-based country and 50 per cent share of the national income is derived from agriculture and the rest 50 per cent share from other commodities. It is the policy of our new Government that the agricultural produce should be increased and more and more commodities should be exported. So far as Coffee and Cardamom are concerned, two members have already spoken earlier and as such, I shall not discuss about them.

MR. CHAIRMAN The difficulty is that there is no arrangement for translating speeches in Gujarati here. We will get the translation afterwards. The difficulty is that at present there is no arrangement.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI I believe that any Member can speak in his mother tongue. But he should inform the Secretariat one hour earlier. They can arrange it.

SHRI DHARAMSINGH BHAT PATEL and so I shall speak about groundnut only. Sir, about 45 lakh tonnes of groundnut is produced in our country. Out of this 45 tonnes, one-third share, that is 15 lakh tonnes of groundnut, is produced by only one of the regions of Gujarat. It is, therefore, essential that the produce of groundnut is increased and then the surplus stock should be exported. Now the duty of Rs 800 - has been raised to Rs 1500/- and thus the increase in duty is raised by Rs 700 - per tonne. Thus it is doubled straightaway. So far as groundnut without husk is concerned the duty of Rs 600/- has been raised to Rs 1125/- Thus the duty is doubled. This is not proper. Sir, after thirty years of independence the quantity of one lakh tonnes of gram is exported and 50 000 tonnes of groundnut with husk is being exported nowadays after a lapse of 30 years period by the former Government.

Sir it is the assumption of the Government that whatever prices a commodity fetches they go to the benefit of the producer or cultivator. This assumption of the Government is incorrect. This policy of Government is wrong. For any commodity produced in the country and exported at higher prices the producer or cultivator would get the higher price—this policy of Government is quite wrong and incorrect. I shall request the hon. Finance Minister that the dates fixed i.e. 6-1-76 for coffee 13-1-76 for groundnut and 12-1-76 for cardamom and the duty that has been decided to be imposed need sanction. The sanction may be given in future only after reducing the duty on the three items that is coffee, groundnut and cardamom, which has been increased. The cultivators have no big industry in this country. They are producing these commodities by applying costly fertilisers, costly irrigation and through hard labour. Some quantity is exported by the cooperative societies some quantity by the merchants and

some by the cultivators and producers themselves directly. I, therefore, urge the hon. Finance Minister not to raise the duty which has been proposed to be raised.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN (Idukki) My hon friend, Mr George, has dealt with this question very effectively. I want to put in a few words because 70 per cent of the Indian production of cardamom is in my constituency of Idukki. I know the difficulties and the financial constraints under which the cardamom grower is today working.

Mr George has narrated the history of the ups and downs in the prices of cardamom. In 1972 there had to be a floor price which indicates that the prices were very low. Subsequently there have been ups and downs. Now they have imposed a duty which, as he pointed out, cumulatively comes to Rs 50 000 per tonne. Even after the reduction it comes to Rs 10 160 or so per tonne. That is the present position.

You will realise next year that the production has absolutely crashed. Because of climatic conditions and pests the production has completely crashed. In order to improve production, the farmer is putting in a lot of inputs the price of which is rather high. Time was when cardamom was just a forest growth. That is not the position now. Today the plant has got to be meticulously taken care of. This is a time when the farmer has to take care of every plant meticulously and money has got to be pumped to sustain the production of these plants. If you impose custom duty merely because there is a spurt in the prices it is rather too unkind. It is due to shortsightedness.

One can understand if you are imposing a sort of *ad valorem* duty. Whether that should be imposed on foreign exchange earning commodity is a different matter altogether. But merely because there is some spurt in prices you want to collect money and are jumping over the farmer who in Gujarat.

*The original speech was delivered

is completely helpless. This is absolutely a cruel approach. The Government of India can afford to forego Rs 10 000 per tonne. Now, there is a spurt in prices because of the fall in production. The fall in the production has increased because of increase in the cost of inputs and all that. What is the additional care a farmer is taking of about it? What is the net amount that is being collected? That should be the criterion.

If somebody goes into it, he will find that the farmer today is in the red, he is not on the profit side because of the fall in production, because of the increase in the cost of production. The Government of India took a view about bringing down the custom duty from Rs 50 to Rs 10. They gave an explanation, a valid explanation that it became necessary because of the accumulation of stock, because of the non-lifting of the stock and so on. Therefore, that became necessary. I suppose, the position today is that the duty is Rs 10 and not Rs 50. Suppose this Statutory Resolution is here purely because whatever duty has to be imposed, it has to come before Parliament and therefore it has come. But I suppose this takes effect as on that date. What is now in force is I suppose, Rs 10 per quintal. If on the other hand Rs 50 per quintal is to be the duty, it will be outrageous, completely devastating, dangerous and what not. Even that Rs 10 per quintal is quite unbearable.

Anyway, I must congratulate the officers who have framed this Notification. In the light of what Mr George has said, in respect of one commodity, you speak quintal. In respect of other commodity you speak about kilogram. In respect of another commodity, you speak about some other measurement and so on. These different units of measurement give a misleading sense of the burden of the tax. I would plead with my friend Mr Patel to have a second look at the whole thing

and accept the principle of not rushing into collecting a little money when there is an occasional spurt in the prices. Let us not jump over it, let us not jump over the farmer, let him bring more and more price so that foreign exchange may be increased more and more.

If you do not encourage these small farmers, then how can they prosper? There are about 25 000 small farmers in number. There are no big planters except one or two. They have got only 3-4 hundred acres. That is what has come to be known as big planters. All the other fellows are having 2-3 acres. It is on these people that the burden will come. Let us have a generous look at it.

SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPA (Cannanore) Mr Chairman Sir, I share the views expressed by my hon. friends here by bringing forward certain points to the hon. Minister for his kind consideration.

My feeling is that the Government is trying to take advantage of the coffee crisis all over the world. This crisis will not last long. The crisis as has been pointed out by my hon. friend Chandre Gowda is due to certain temporary factors. There was a severe frost in Brazil. The coffee production fell 70 per cent and in terms of quantity. It was a fall to the tune of 7 million bags of coffee. Then, there was a civil war in Angola. It is over now. I think, they will produce more coffee in future. Further, there was flood and drought in certain Latin American countries. All these are certain temporary phenomena which these countries would overcome very soon. All this created a condition of crisis in the world market of coffee. Today the coffee price has therefore gone very high and the Government's only argument which the hon. Minister has put forward is that the exporters are earning more than what they used to earn and that, naturally, a share of it should come to the Government.

[Shri C. K. Chandrappan]

Nobody will object to that. Normally, if there is a windfall of profits to the exporters of coffee, it is very legitimate and we would support the plea that a major share of it should come to the Government. But if you take the official view of it, it is not so. Even the Coffee Board says that. It is true that most of the growers are small growers. They say that the growers may get a return higher than the cost of production but not appreciably higher. I am quoting from the Coffee Board records from the speech of its Chairman. What does it say? It says that they are getting slightly more than the cost of production. It is not appreciably more. So, the profit is made elsewhere. Utilising the crisis in the coffee market the profit is made by exporters and that too for the time being. I think, on that basis, the Government should not base its policy.

In one of the coffee producing countries in Columbia, the Chairman of the Coffee Producers' Federation says that he was sure that the shortage of coffee is temporary. Therefore, the Government should not base their policy on these temporary factors. I would, therefore, appeal to the hon. Minister to reconsider the question of imposing additional excise duty.

Another thing that I would like to bring to the attention of the hon. Minister is that in our country too the production is falling. I do not know whether this has come to the notice of the Government. In Wynad itself, in my constituency in north Malabar, there are 10,000 acres of coffee plantation which is affected by mealy bug which is described in the *Economic Times* as a deadly parasite. This has brought down the production of coffee in Wynad. In Kerala, Wynad is a centre where a large number of small growers are contributing largely to the coffers of this country by producing coffee. About 2,000 to 3,000 tonnes of coffee is the annual production loss there today and, in

terms of money, the loss of foreign exchange earnings, it will come to about Rs 4 crores per year. That is how the internal production has come down. The hon. Minister should also know the magnitude of the fall in production. There used to be the production of 50 to 60 tonnes of coffee in a plantation of one hundred acres. Today, the production has come down to 10 to 15 tonnes. That is the magnitude of the problem resulting from this parasite infection. So, taking this opportunity, I would like to make an appeal to the Government to take certain steps. Firstly, for giving loans and other assistance to the planters, who are largely small planters, to replant their plantations. Secondly, for sending a team of the ICAR to study and propose measures by which they can overcome this crisis. Lastly, for setting up a coffee research centre at Wynad so that a long-term solution can be found for this problem. I am suggesting this because you are now going to tax heavily and get a lot of money. A share of this should go to the producer, the small farmer.

So my first appeal would be don't base your policy on a temporary phenomenon and increase the export duty. The Minister may kindly consider this. Secondly, from the amount of duty which you will be getting, a share should go to the small grower so that the country will benefit ultimately because the production of coffee will go up. I hope the hon. Minister will consider this favourably. With this appeal I conclude.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Chirayinkil) This Resolution which is before the House is a decision taken by the previous Government. I am grateful to the Hon. Minister that when we met him last time to represent the grievances of the growers due to the duty imposed on them, he assured us that he would look into it.

My view is that what is harmful to the interests of the growers is

harmful to the interests of the country also as it would ultimately affect the foreign exchange position. I would like to make a suggestion that before taking decisions for imposing duties on such items, you may please consider the views of the Statutory Boards constituted by the Government itself. There is the Coffee Board and the Cardamom Board etc. Your own Government nominees are Chairmen of these Boards and the majority of the Members are also Government officials. So they can represent the views of the Government on these Boards which will make their recommendations. They can at least express their views on the views of the Ministry. I wish that hereafter you would take into account the views of the respective Boards—Coffee, Cardamom, Cor or whatever it may be.

Now, I am not going into the statistics as it has been quoted here already. But I would say that the present situation is due to natural calamities. The condition of the Arabian market, the civil war in Angola etc were responsible for this rise in the international market. This is not a permanent phenomenon at all. Even Brazil, which is the largest coffee growing country in the world, has contributed very little to the world pool and ultimately the prices went up.

We earned good foreign exchange to the tune of Rs 65 crores year before last and now we are expecting to get Rs 100 crores this year. But this will really affect whom? It is not the exporters who will be affected. The Coffee Board has its own system of pooling and auctioning. Even in exports the Government Board has done good work in the last two years. It has entered into a contract with socialist countries and has captured a market.

Now, there is the Pool Fund which if I am not wrong, is to the tune of Rs 12.5 million. We have to pay this duty from the Pool Fund, which will affect about 86000 farmers. So, the

deficit is sought to be made up with the little money that the poor farmers are getting. I request the hon Minister to take into account these facts and also the difficulties faced by the small growers and to see that this is withdrawn as early as possible. Hereafter the opinion of the Board should be taken into account.

Lastly so far as cardamom is concerned, at present it has been reduced to Rs 10. It is a problem concerning the States of Kerala, Karnataka and also Tamil Nadu. I hope, the hon Minister will stick to Rs 10 and will not increase it further. It is because of the efficient work done by the Cardamom Board that this position has come. I should give a word of praise to the Cardamom Board for the good work done by them.

Once again I would appeal to the hon Minister to take into account the fact that, when we increase the price in the international market our product may not be competitive in the international market and ultimately we may lose foreign exchange because the entire product may come back to the internal market. Especially in the United States, the biggest coffee-consuming country, there is a propaganda that coffee is a luxury item.

I hope and believe that the hon. Minister, being a practical man, will take all these facts into account and help the poor farmers of this country.

श्री नाथूराम मिश्रा (नागौर) समाप्त
जी, माननीय मंत्री जी स्वयंवास्तुवार हैं और
उसकी बात जानते हैं। जिन नीतिनिर्देशन का
हमने रेडिआई करना है इस में भूगर्भी, भूग-
र्भी के बारे, काफी, इलायची के जिरा तरह रेट
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और जमी दृष्टि से उन चीजों की फौरन
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बीमारियों का शत्रु हो रहा है और बाफ-

क रिती बर्तीय उन्नत रहे हैं और इत्यादि
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तय्यार है इस गरीबी का क्या मर्यादा
का साथ साथ करना राष्ट्रीय इतिहास
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है रिपोर्ट मालूम है। इतिहास
का विमर्श कि इनके उत्पादन में सम्बन्ध
है और सामान निर्यात की जा कि एकमात्र
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हो पाता है। इसलिए इस बातों का ध्यान
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जिन तरीकों में यह नीतिनिर्माण आप न
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पर पड़ता है और वास्तविकता मायाम है। जाता
है उनका उत्पादन नहीं बढ़ता है वह बीमारियाँ
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जान है। जो कुछ पीछे हुआ उस का साथ
रखाई करना। पर आपने इस चीज
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इस वक्त आपसे यही मुनाफा है।

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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY
(Nizamabad) Mr Speaker Sir
India is not the only country which
is exporting coffee. It is a competi-
tive market where we have to stand
in competition with other countries

If our coffee becomes costly or nobody
is going to purchase that. Naturally
to make it competitive we have to
reduce the coffee price that is going
to be paid to the farmers and when
the price is reduced, let less they
will produce it. I want to give
you two examples of sugar and co-
fession. The production of sugar was
40 lakh tonnes and when the prices
were withdrawn and the taxes
were raised immediately it went
down to 25 lakh tonnes. It went up
again to 45 lakh tonnes when the in-
centives were given. In the case
of coffee the production went up in
one year and then in the next year
there was a terrible shortage. I do
not want the hon. Minister
should create conditions which would
lead to shortage of coffee. When the
production of coffee goes down it is
impossible to raise it immediately
next year as we have done in the case
of cotton and sugar. I would, there-
fore request him to see that this duty
is immediately withdrawn so that
we may have competitive position in
the international market and may be
able to export coffee. Once the mar-
ket is lost in the international field it
is very difficult to regain that
market. We should keep that in mind
always. I would request him to with-
draw these suggestions immediately.
There is no shortage of money. The
previous Government has given you
Rs. 3,000 crores of foreign exchange.
You should not bother for this small
money. I would request him to ac-
cede to my suggestions in order
to maintain our exports of coffee to
the extent of Rs. 50 crores per year
as at present.

SHRI J. L. M. PATIL: Mr Speaker
Sir I am afraid the last speaker has
not understood the point. This duty
is being levied only because the prices
in the market abroad went up. We
wanted to take advantage of that.
When the prices go up in the inter-
national market, the benefit certainly
goes to somebody and the Govern-
ment's intention is that when such a
windfall benefit occurs, they should
have a share in it. That is the theory
in this.

SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN (Badagara) You have already done that once

SHRI H. M. PATEL There is no danger of the exports being affected adversely

So far as Shri Mirdhas point is concerned, I fully agree with him that whatever recommendations the National Agricultural Commission has made we should study them and take them into account in future. But I hope that it is not the intention of any hon. Member to suggest that when such a windfall profits occur, Government should not have a share in them. You may say that the sharing should be fair. Therefore, once that principle is accepted, I am quite agreeable to examining every proposition whether in imposing a particular rate of duty, we are reasonable or not.

So far as the subject under discussion is concerned, these duties were imposed in November, 1976—some of them—and one in January, 1977, and there was justification for that.

I would also answer Shri Chandrapan's point that we should not do this when the fluctuation of price is for a short period. So far as coffee is concerned, the disaster that occurred in Brazil is something that is going to endure for more than one year, may be two or three years. Why should we not take advantage of that? It is not going to affect the producer adversely.

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA
It does, as I made out

SHRI H. M. PATEL The total production that has been recorded with us indicates that the production of coffee has not gone down, it is going up. But I am not entering into argument. I wish merely to point out that the theory underlying the imposition of duties of this nature again

is variable. The moment it is found that the duty is excessive and it may affect the exports, it may immediately be reduced or removed.

In the case of cardamom, for instance, when the imposition of duty was Rs 50 whatever the argument that influenced the decision then, there were no exports under Rs 50 and the exports began only when the duty was reduced to Rs 10 which shows that the subsequent decision of reducing the duty was right.

Now, so far as the question of farmers and others being adversely affected is concerned, I can assure you that nothing can be farther from the truth because this is a decision of the previous government and I imagine they also proceeded on the same basis and had no intention that small farmers should be adversely affected, nor is it going to be mine and I think we will certainly take into consideration whatever suggestions that have been made by various speakers in regulating this duty in future, but duty will be levied when circumstances warranted it and I hope the House will not grudge it because after all many things have to be met and the money has to come into the Exchequer. So far as groundnut is concerned I am afraid again the price-rise has been quite considerable. In coffee for instance when the duty was raised from Rs 50 to Rs 300, the London price was Rs 878. It is now Rs 4015 and when it was raised to Rs 300, it was Rs 2600. So you will see that it is not the coffee grower who is going to suffer. Nobody is going to suffer but the government is wanting a certain share in the windfall profits that come.

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA—
One point. What happens to the coffee deals which are already in the pipe line? There may be many deals struck by Indian exporters. What happens to that?

SHRI H. M. PATEL Some people may get the benefit and some people

[Shri H. M. Patel]

may not get it but they may get it at a later stage

When it is reduced somebody is going to get. I do not think those are considerations which should influence the general decision

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA
Crores of rupees will be lost. I want your indulgence for a minute

SHRI H. M. PATIL I am not yielding. Crores of rupees go to whom? It is not a loss to this country. (Interruption) I am yet to complete my reply. If the hon. member is anxious I shall certainly give full consideration to the point that he has made when imposing or reducing duties in future, but, there is no use starting an argument here. If you wish, I shall try to satisfy you later but this is not the point. Here we consider only what the principle underlying imposition of this duty should be.

I think, Mr. Speaker, I have answered most of the points and I may assure the hon. Members that I shall take into account whatever they have said.

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN I have sought a clarification, whether the passing of this resolution will have the effect of superseding a subsequent notification reducing the cardamom duty from Rs. 50 to Rs. 10.

SHRI H. M. PATEL The duties become effective from the date when they are notified because the requirement under the Rules and the Act is that when the House is not in session and a notification is issued, then I must immediately place before the House the notification that is issued, within 15 days of the commencement of the session. It is in that context that it is done. But the notification becomes effective from the date when it is notified. The subsequent reduction in duty also becomes effective from that date and it will come in due course before Parliament.

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA
My only point is that if the export duties are raised not in the Budget time but after the Budget or before the Budget, what happens? So far as the exporting countries are concerned the bargains are struck at the rates that prevailed at the time of the Budget. But in between the time of the agreement and the time coffee is received in the importing countries in that time gap there will be some coffee in the pipeline. The exporter says it should not be met by him because he will not be able to visualise what would be the attitude of the Government. This time the excise duty on coffee which was in the pipeline was met out of the pool fund which ought to have gone to the grower himself. Is the grower responsible for this?

I would request that at least this particular point may be considered.

SHRI H. M. PATEL I will consider it although the answer is very clear and we will discuss it with you, if necessary.

SHRI A. C. GEORGE (Mukandapuram) I am submitting that the hon. Minister may have a closer look in so far as coffee and cardamom are concerned. It is the exporter who is suffering. The farmer will realise the money because of peculiar auction of cardamom as well as coffee.

SHRI H. M. PATEL Shri George should really be much more fully acquainted with this subject than perhaps I am. Merely because he is sitting on the opposite side of the House he must say something. I can assure him that in the imposition of the duty of this nature we do take into consideration who benefits and we want to deprive that person because it is a windfall. The State exchequer has a share in it. It is the most important point. The word is 'share'. We are not taking the whole of it.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

"That in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 8, read with sub-section (3) of section 7 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975), this House approves the following Notifications of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Banking, namely—

(a) No G.S.R. 870(E), dated the 6th November, 1976, increasing the export duty on coffee from Rs. 300 per quintal to Rs 1300 per quintal,

(b) No. G.S.R. 877(E), dated the 13th November, 1976, increasing the export duty on groundnut kernel from Rs. 800 per tonne to Rs. 1500 per tonne and on groundnut in shell from Rs. 600 per tonne to Rs 1123 per tonne, and

(c) No. G.S.R. 13(E), dated the 12th January, 1977, levying an export duty on cardamom at the rate of Rs. 50 per kilogram under the new Heading No. 22 in the Second Schedule to the said Act,

from the date of each of the notifications aforesaid."

The motion was adopted.

16.53 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT ACTING AS PRESIDENT

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House that I have received the following message dated the 6th April, 1977 from the Vice-President acting as President:

"I have received with great satisfaction the expression of thanks by the Members of the Lok Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on the 28th March, 1977."

16.53½ hrs.

GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORIES (AMENDMENT) BILL

गृह मंत्री (चौधरी चरण सिंह) :
अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ :

"कि सच राज्यक्षेत्र शासन अधिनियम, 1963 का और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक पर विचार किया जाए।"

जैसा हम सबको ही मालूम है कांस्टीट्यूशन में यह संशोधन कर दिया गया है कि देश के अन्दर जितनी विधान सभाएँ हैं उनकी अवधि 5 वर्ष के बजाय 6 वर्ष होगी। सो गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया जो अब से पहले देश के चार्ज में थी उसका विचार यह था कि यूनिन टेरिटरीज की विधान सभाओं की मुद्दत भी पांच साल के बजाये 6 साल कर दी जाए। लेकिन क्यों कि लोक सभा डिजाल्व की जा चुकी थी और राज्य सभा सेशन में नहीं थी, उसका इजलास चल नहीं रहा था तो उन्होंने एक आर्डिंस के जरिए पांच की जगह 6 साल यूनिन टेरिटरीज की विधान सभाओं की मुद्दत कर दी। लेकिन हम लोग अर्थात् मौजूदा गवर्नमेंट इस 6 साल की मुद्दत के खिलाफ हैं। हम इस को मुनासिब नहीं समझते और उसके लिए असाहिदा एक विधेयक भी पारित प्रस्तुत करने का विचार है या प्रस्तुत किया जा चुका है। वह तो अलग बात है लेकिन इसमें यूनिन टेरिटरीज की भी हम मुद्दत 6 से 5 साल ही चाहते हैं। गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया ने आर्डिंस के जरिए 5 साल की जगह 6 साल कर दिया या अब हम उसको 5 साल 7 महीने करना चाहते हैं। गोवा, डामन, द्यू और मिजोरम—यह यूनिन टेरिटरीज कहलाती हैं। पहले हमारा विचार था कि गोवा डामन, द्यू में बेबल 4 महीने की मुद्दत बढ़ाई जाये। 23 मार्च को मुद्दत खत्म होती थी और 23 जुलाई तक एलैक्शन कराने का विचार था लेकिन मुझ को मालूम हुआ है कि वहां भी जून को आरम्भ में वर्षा आरम्भ हो जाती है जिसका मतलब यह है कि मई के बाद एलैक्शन कराने में कठिनाई होगी। इसलिए

[चौथी बरण सिंह]

अब हमारा विचार है कि जैस मिनीरम म 5 साल 7 महाने कर रह है उमी तरह गोवा हासन ड्यू म भा 5 साल 4 महीन ब बजाए 5 साल 7 महीन की मुक्त कर दी जाए । जसा कि सदन म लिन पग है उसम पुस्त 5 साल 4 महीन है लकिन में चाहता हू 4 की जगह 7 पडा जाए । इस आगप का एक पत्र में आपका पाम भज रहा हू । गवनमेट की तरफ से इसको 5 साल 7 महान भमया जाए । इसका अर्थ यह हुआ कि गोवा हासन ड्यू श्री निजाराय—इन सब टरिरीज म मुक्त 5 साल 7 महीन होगी । वहा प बर्पा ऋत ब बाद अक्टूबर नवम्बर म एलबशन काये जा सकेंगे । में समझता हू यह बहुत सीधा मादा मामला है कोई कटोबशाल चीज नहीं है सदन इसको मजर करेगा ।

MR SPEAKER Motion moved

"That the Bill further to amend the Government of Union Territories Act 1963 be taken into consideration."

DR HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) The Home Minister has brought forward a Bill which *per se* diminishes the differences between State and Union Territory. As is well known the Union Territories are clamouring and trying to come on par with the rest of the States in the country. It has been the practice of the Government of India consistently to bring the Union Territories also to the level of the rest of the States. It is a matter of surprise that the Home Minister is bringing in a Bill where it is said, for Goa it is 4 months for Mizoram 6 months, etc. It does not fit in with the general ethos of the country and the legislation on the subject. I am not taking a partisan view. The rationale behind the proposal of increasing the term of State Legislatures and Lok Sabha to 6 years has been discussed at length and there was a national dialogue. If you see the debate of those days you will see how the national dailies took a lively interest in this issue which evinced

considerable interest. Legal pandits and constitutional experts have given out their views. Whereas Rajya Sabha has six years as their normal tenure why should Lok Sabha which according to our Constitution wield more power and authority should have a lesser period? That was the lacuna. And our framers of the Constitution at that time had a different concept. But after 25 years of the working of our Constitution the public opinion felt differently or if you deny that public opinion was not total in proof of the move at least concede that a sizeable section of the public opinion favoured this change and in the Lok Sabha itself I do not think that many members even in the opposition, objected to this on principle.

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So this matter was discussed threadbare and I do not want to view the problem as purely partisan, I would request all the hon. Members to consider this aspect objectively on merits. Why should hon. Members on this side of the House have to go through the elections earlier? How hard it is to face the electorate running to ten lakhs of people every five years? It is even degrading to have the Lok Sabha's tenure a little less. (Interruptions) This was the aspect which was felt at that time. If you so please you may bring a bill. In that context if you read the proceedings at that time the situation or practice obtaining in different countries in different Parliaments, you will find that in certain countries they have a seven year term and certain others had even more tenure. So it was not that only India was having this tenure. Many countries have different tenures for the legislatures as their lifespan. These were the considerations which prevailed at that time in making this suggestion. Later on it was brought forth in the form of a Bill before the House. But it was unfortunate that the Fifth Lok Sabha had to be dissolved and the same Bill could not be introduced in relation to the union territories. And

today, instead of bringing in regular bills, to normalise the situation, it is surprising that the hon Minister with considerable experience in all this, is bringing in this Bill for the Union Territories. Probably, it is due to climatic reason I am afraid there may be a political overtone in the sense that you are thinking of elections rather than to normalise the situation. Probably, the prospects of elections seem to be main guiding factor in determining this thing. This is repugnant to the Constitution and the people who had evinced some interest in this matter I do not think that the people coming from Delhi will approve of this. I had exchanged views with members coming from Delhi. They were asking for enhancement of the status of the Union Territory of Delhi and to make it a regular State. You are trying to perpetuate this thing and giving an inferior status to the Union Territory. I do not think the people of Delhi will take kindly to that suggestion. Therefore I do oppose this move and I do believe that it is incumbent on the present Government to bring in a bill later on. And it may be revised—that is a different matter, to a six year term for the Union Territories also.

MR. SPEAKER. Government has an amendment. But that has not been circulated. I would request the hon Home Minister to read it out so that the Members may know that the amendment has been given notice of. It has not been circulated.

CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH
My amendment reads as follows

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for lines 8 to 15 and line 1 and 2 respectively

Substitute—

'Provided further that the provisions of this section shall in relation to the Legislative Assemblies of the Union Territories of Goa, Daman and Diu and Mizoram in existence on

the 7th day of February 1977, apply as if for the words 'five years', in the two places where they occur, the words 'five years and seven months had been substituted.' (3)

MR. SPEAKER. In view of this I do not think the hon Member Shri Amrut Kasar need move his amendment. He can speak on that.

SHRI AMRUT KASAR (Panaji)
Mr Speaker, Sir, first of all I thank you for giving me this opportunity of expressing my views before this House. Since this is my maiden speech, let me, in the first instance make it clear that I support this Bill. The policy of the Janata Government is to have a tenure of the Assemblies and the Lok Sabha for five years instead of six years. As I have promised to my voters I shall be supporting the Janata Government in amending the Constitution and the Forty-second Amendment. I support this policy of the Government to have the tenure of five years both for Lok Sabha as well as for Assemblies.

As regards my amendment previously it was for five year and four months but since the hon Home Minister has already cleared that in both the cases it will be five years and seven months I do not think that I need to stress that point.

Therefore I am withdrawing it. The Home Minister has promised that in both the cases it will be five years and seven months. Now, I wanted it to be actually seven months because whenever legislation is passed we must take into consideration the geographical situation of that place. Monsoons are fast approaching. Many of the hon Members here know that Goa is situated at the feet of western ghats. The rainfall there is more than 120 inches on an average. This heavy rainfall cuts the communication with the villages. Although the communication facilities are good in Panaji—capital of Goa—yet in the surrounding talukas like Parnem and

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Satara the communications are cut. The voters are more in number in these talukas and therefore it will affect them. Therefore I happily accept this move of the Home Minister that it will be seven months so that immediately after the monsoons we are ready to take up elections and as in the manifesto of the Janata Party the aims and purposes of the Bill will be fulfilled.

Mr Speaker Sir at the same time I extend my cooperation to the Janata Party in its policy for decentralisation of power and I would like to say due to the acceptance of the principle of decentralisation of power in the status of Union Territory will be lifted up and it will be granted Statehood I extend my full cooperation to the party and all the kindness which our Home Minister has shown to us.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO (Mor-mugao) Mr Speaker Sir it would be in the interest of the Congress party to have elections forthwith in Goa because just now in Goa we have a non-Congress government. It will be in the interest of my party to have elections forthwith in Goa but inspite of that we are opposing this Bill on the general principle and not limiting ourselves to petty considerations. Though it will be in the interest of our party to support this Bill yet we have to oppose it as we want to be faithful to the main principles.

AN HON MEMBER What is the "Principle"?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO The principle involved is that Union Territories must be put on the same footing as the States.

Sir I would like to say this much. I fail to appreciate why this extension of seven months? Why seven months and why not eight months? Why seven months and why not four months? If they want to repeal the Ordinance why not they repeal the

Ordinance forthwith? Why not say that the Assembly stands dissolved immediately? What is the point in giving seven months? There is no legal bar to dissolve the Assembly immediately and hold the elections after the monsoon or before the monsoon. In fact if they are serious about holding the elections if they want that popular government should come they can have elections in the month of May itself because 40 days are remaining now. A notice of 40 days is enough.

The point I want to make is that the Lok Sabha elections have proved that the present government in the Union Territory does not have the support of the people. Out of the 30 Assembly constituencies 18 constituencies voted in favour of the Congress Party and only 12 voted in favour of the Maharashtravadi Gomantak Party. This being the position there is something more which this government and the hon. Home Minister can do. I would like to say this because it is very important in the interest of our country in the interest of the Union Territory and in the interest of decent politics in this country.

There are serious allegations of corruption and gross misconduct or misuse of power against the Chief Minister. These charges are before the Home Ministry. These charges deserve to be enquired into. A commission of enquiry should be appointed against the Chief Minister and then necessary action must be taken.

It has been proved by judicial authority how corrupt is the Government of Tamil Nadu. The people in the Union Territory of Goa have compiled the charges against the present Chief Minister in Goa and they have made a tabular statement showing the charges proved against Mrs. Kakodkar and showing what are the charges *prima facie* estab-

[Shri Krishna Chandra Halder]

we feel that this period is sufficient enough to implement democratic economic principles. If it is not done, there will be a natural tilt towards authoritarianism as we had witnessed in the recent past. I hardly need to mention Sir that the 42nd Amendment of the constitution was passed in this House by the Congress Government by clamping down emergency in the country and putting leaders and workers of the opposition parties behind the bar and ignoring public opinion. But as soon as they went to the people for their opinion, they rejected the legislation completely. Through this election, they gave a clear verdict that they are opposed to dictatorship and bureaucracy. They have also asserted their faith in individual liberty, right of assembly, right of trade union activities, right of freedom of speech, and above all, that the democratic norms be maintained in the country. They did not want to face the people.

DR. HENRY AUSTIN: On a point of order. How can the hon. Member maintain his position? Our government decided to hold the elections long before the expiry of the one year extended term. How can he say that we were afraid of facing the people? We could have waited for another year.

*MR. SPEAKER: You are only making a second speech. There is no point of order.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: I think they even did not like to hold the elections but because of external pressure and other factors, which I don't want to go in detail here, they were forced to hold the elections.

The Congress party wanted to stick to power and convert this great country into a big jail. If they had agreed to hold the elections, it was after they got intelligence reports from their police, the RAW and as is said, they even had gone to the astrologers to know about their fate in elections but all their calculations went wrong and

the masses who live in villages and who are taken as illiterates, have proved to the world beyond all doubt that they are second to none in their political maturity and their faith to uphold democracy in the country is absolute and unshakable. It was because of the people's faith in democracy that the Janata Government is in power today.

They are trying to restore democracy in their country and as such support the Bill.

श्री बपूरी ठाकुर (समस्तीपुर) प्रायशः महादय, मननीय गृह मंत्री ने श्री विधेयक इस सदन में उपस्थापित किया है, मैं उसका समर्थन करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूँ। गोवा दमन दीव और मिन्नोरम में अक्टूबर, नवम्बर तक चुनाव कराने के उद्देश्य से यह विधेयक सदन में उपस्थित किया गया है। वहाँ चुनाव कराना अनिवार्य है क्योंकि जो मुक्त थी वह घाम हो गई है।

जनता न जब गृह में चुनाव किया था, तो हमारे देश के संविधान के अनुसार जो उसकी निर्धारित अवधि थी, वह समाप्त हो गई थी। अर्थात् बालीन स्थिति में तत्कालीन सरकार के द्वारा जो संविधान में संशोधन किया गया, उस समय उस सरकार को संविधान में संशोधन करने का कोई अधिकार नहीं था। वह सरकार अपनी 5 साल की अवधि 1976 के मार्च में ही समाप्त कर चुकी थी। 1971 में जो चुनाव हुआ था, वह 5 साल के लिए हुआ था कि 6 साल के लिए। आज का जो विरोधी दल है उसकी झार से भ्रष्टाचार बहुत जाता है कि हमने तो औपचारिक रूप से संशोधन कर लिया है। हम राज्य पत्र अधिकार सम्पन्न से और उसी अधिकार के अन्तर्गत हमने संविधान का संशोधन किया था। मैं कहता हूँ कि 5 साल की अवधि खत्म हो जाना के बाद संशोधन करने का उनका कोई अधिकार नहीं था।

उन्होंने न केवल मामूली संशोधन किया बल्कि संविधान का सारा ढांचा बदल दिया।

बुनियादी ढांचे में महान परिवर्तन कर दिया, जिसके लिए जनता ने 1971 में उनको नहीं चुना। अगर चुना था तो 5 साल के लिए चुना था, 6 साल के लिए नहीं चुना था।

अभी-अभी एक माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि कांग्रेस पार्टी इस बात के लिए बहुत चिन्तित है कि ज. गोवा, दमन, दीव और मिजोरम या इसरी यूनिफ़ॉर्म टेरिटरीज हैं वह अन्य राज्यों के समक्ष आ जायें, उनमें एक रूपता स्थापित हो जाए। इस एक रूपता का उपदेश देने का अधिकार अब कांग्रेस पार्टी को नहीं रह गया है। हमारे देश में एक कहावत है कि 100 चूहे खा के मिली हज्र को चली। जिन्होंने एक रूपता को नष्ट कर दिया है, उन्हें एक रूपता का उपदेश देने का क्या अधिकार है?

1967 तक लोक-सभा और राज्य की विधान सभाओं के चुनाव 5.5 साल के लिये साथ साथ होते थे। लेकिन 1971 में सिर्फ लोक सभा का चुनाव कराया गया। यह चुनाव 4 साल बीत जाने के बाद कराया गया, पाचवें साल के लिये कांग्रेस पार्टी ने इन्तजार नहीं किया। राज्यों की विधान-सभाओं के चुनाव सन् 1972 के मार्च में हुए। इस तरह से एक रूपता समाप्त हो गई।

अभी भी सिर्फ लोक सभा का चुनाव हो गया, अगर राज्यों की विधान-सभाओं के चुनाव नहीं हुए। अगर वह एक रूपता के हमारे हैं, तो उन्हें 1971 में नहीं, बल्कि 1972 में सभी जगह के चुनाव साथ-साथ करने चाहियें थे। अगर वह वास्तव में एक रूपता के समर्थक हैं, तो उन्हें लोक सभा के हान के चुनावों के साथ साथ विधान सभाओं के चुनाव भी कराने चाहिये थे।

आज जब विधि मंत्री ने छ. मान की धनध को पठा कर पांच साल करने के सम्बन्ध में एक विधेयक पेश किया, तो कांग्रेस पार्टी के नेता ने उस का विरोध किया। मैं समझता

हू कि वे एक रूपता के समर्थन नहीं, बल्कि अपने राजनैतिक स्वार्थ के समर्थक हैं। विरोधी दल के नेता ने कहा कि इस विधेयक के पीछे कोई राजनैतिक भावना छिपी हुई है, यह राजनैतिक बदनीयती है। अगर 1971 में केवल लोक सभा के चुनाव कराने में कांग्रेस पार्टी के लोगों को राजनैतिक बदनीयती नहीं सूझती थी, अगर इस बार केवल लोक सभा के चुनाव कराने का राजनैतिक बदनीयती देखने के लिए कांग्रेस पार्टी के सदस्यों के पास आँखें नहीं थी, तो आज जो विधेयक गृह मंत्री ने पेश किया है, उसका राजनैतिक बदनीयती देखने पर उन को आँखें फूट जानी चाहिए।

मैं कहना चाहता हू कि विरोधी दल के सदस्यों को अपना विरोध वापस ले लेना चाहिए और इन सदन को माननीय गृह मंत्री द्वारा पेश किया गया विधेयक पारित कर देना चाहिए। चुनाव कराने की अवधि सविधान के द्वारा निर्धारित की जाती है, केवल एक पार्टी के कहने से वह अवधि निर्धारित नहीं होती है। जिस समय सविधान में संशोधन किया गया, उस समय विरोधी दल इस सदन में नहीं था। वह उस समय जेल में बन्द था। गैर-जानूनी आपातकालीन स्थिति लागू कर के विरोधी दलों के सदस्यों को जेल में बन्द कर दिया गया था। कांग्रेस पार्टी की तरफ से कहा गया कि उस सविधान संशोधन के प्रश्न पर एक राष्ट्रीय वाद-विवाद हुआ था। यह सत्य है। केवल कांग्रेस पार्टी और भारतीय कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी के सिवा इस देश में किसी भी अन्य दल को अपने विचार व्यक्त करने की आज्ञा नहीं थी। साप्ताहिक की तादाद में उन के नेता और कार्यकर्ता जेलों में बन्द थे। अफसोस के मूह पर ताला लगा दिया गया था। आम सभाओं नहीं की जा सकती थी। उन दिनों 3 फरार था और दो चार रोज के लिए दिल्ली में था भी इन्फ़रान्त ने मयोजक की हैमियन से एहाइन में सीमिनार का आयोजन किया था, लेकिन सरकार की तरफ से इजाजत नहीं दी गई। पूरे देश में यही स्थिति थी।

[श्री कपूरी टाकूर]

ऐसा लगता है कि कांग्रेस पार्टी की नेशनल डायलाग की परिभाषा है एक पार्टी व डायलाग एक पार्टी की मीटिंगें और एक पार्टी के नेताओं के बयान। दुनिया के सात नेशनल डायलाग का जो अर्थ करत हैं, कांग्रेस पार्टी की डिक्शनरी में उस का वह अर्थ नहीं है। एक पार्टी के अन्दर जा बाद विवाद होता है, कांग्रेस पार्टी के अनुसार, वह नेशनल डायलाग कहलाता है।

अगर दूसरे देशों के संविधान में छ या सात साल की अवधि है तो उन को मूवारफ हो। लेकिन इस देश में तो कांग्रेस पार्टी ने येन-बेन प्रकारेण अपने आप को सत्ता में रखने के लिए और इस देश की जनता की राय और विचारों को पैरा तल रोदने के लिए पांच साल की अवधि को बढ़ा कर छ साल कर दिया।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं पूरी शक्ति के साथ कांग्रेस पार्टी के कथन और विचारों का विरोध करता हूँ और चाहता हूँ कि गृह मंत्री का प्रस्ताव बहुमत से, और अगर हो सके तो सर्व-सम्मति से, पारित हो।

PROF SHIBBAN LAL SAKSENA (Maharajganj) Congress party has said nobody opposed the six year term when the Forty-fourth Constitution (Amendment) Bill was passed. This is utterly false, I was the solitary opponent in the House who opposed every one of the 59 clauses of the Forty fourth Amendment Bill including the six year term. In fact I gave an amendment that the term should be four years instead of six years. The term of American Congress is also for four years. Members of the Rajya Sabha also retire every two years. So, it is wrong that I wanted six years and not four years

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[PANDEIT D N TIWARY in the Chair]

श्री नाथू राम मिश्रा (नागौर) सभा-पति महोदय, यह ध्यानिसे जिस को पास

करवाने की जल्दी है उस के सबध में तथा इसके बाद जो दूसरा कानून है इन दोनों के सम्मध में कुछ विचार रखना चाहता हूँ। यह सरकार 6 साल का पीरिअड घटा कर वहीं पर पांच साल चार महीने, कहीं पांच साल सात महीने और अब सभी जगह पांच साल सात महीने करना चाहती है। इसके बारे में कुछ विशेष आर्गुमेंट तो गृह मंत्री ने दिया नहीं कि वे क्यों ऐसा करना चाहते हैं। अगर वे कुछ समझते कि ऐसा करना इसलिए जरूरी है और जो पहले 6 साल का फंमला हुआ वह इस तरीके से गलत है तो हम शायद उन बातों को सुन कर कुछ जवाब देते। खैर, मैं बहुत गम्भीरता से गृह मंत्री से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि यह पांच साल से 6 साल करने की बात बहुत हलकेपन से नहीं की गई और सिर्फ एक राजनैतिक दृष्टि से यह नहीं किया गया। इस के पीछे एक बड़ा भारी लोजिक है। वह मैं आप से बना रहा हूँ। आप जरा गौर कीजिए। हमारे देश के विकास और तरक्की की योजना करना हमारे इस सदन का मकसद बड़ा लक्ष्य है और देश की जनता की तरक्की योजनाओं से होती है ... (ध्वनिमान)। एमजेंसी जरूरी थी। बार बार आप एमजेंसी की बात कहेंगे तो मुझे उस पर ज्यादा कहना पड़ेगा। एमजेंसी के लिए मैंने कह दिया कि एमजेंसी को मैं जरूरी समझता हूँ। लेकिन अब जो मैं कह रहा हूँ उस को गौर से सुनिए। इस देश का काम होता है विकास योजनाओं से और विकास योजनाएँ बननी हैं देश के प्लान से। देश के प्लान की अवधि है पांच साल। अगर पांच साल की ही अवधि सदन की हो तो एक साल का इस सदन को जमाने में और जा बातें अंदर भरी होती है उन को बहने में निक्कल जाता है। एक साल तो बराबर आप एमजेंसी माएंगे। एक साल तो आप के एमजेंसी के पीछे गए ... (ध्वनिमान)

श्री कपूरी टाकूर तीन साल योजना नहीं बनी। चौथे साल में योजना बनी है।

श्री नाथू राम मिर्षा : सब योजनाएं चली है। आप को ध्यान ही नहीं है।

श्री कर्पूरी ठाकुर : दो दफा योजनाओं की छुट्टी थी। एक दफा तीन साल के लिए, और फिर दूसरी दफा तीन साल के लिए।

श्री नाथू राम मिर्षा : आपका ख्याल है यह। योजनायें चल रही थी इस देश में और हर साल वे आकड़े मौजूद हैं। अंधे होकर आप मत चलिए। (व्यवधान)

मैं गृह मंत्री जी से निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि पांच साल की योजनायें बननी हैं और पांच साल की पांच योजनायें हम पूरी करने जा रहे हैं। उसके बाद मैं भी हमारी योजनायें चलेगी। इस सदन का 6 साल का टर्म करने का यह मतलब था कि पांच साल की योजना के लिए पहले एक दो साल रिजर्वेशन देना पड़े। योजनानामों को फाइनल रूप देने में और चर्चा करने में निबल जाते हैं। वह समय फालतू जाता है। योजना पर दो तीन साल जो काम होता है वह चौथे साल जोर पकड़ जाता है और आखिरी साल उस पर पूरा जोर दिया जाता है। अगर एक साल इस तरह से मारी बीजा को जमाने और रेल की पट्टी बढ़ाने के लिए मिल जाये तो पांच साल की योजना 6 साल में अच्छी तरह पूरी हो सकती है। (व्यवधान)।

मैं बहुत नम्रता के साथ निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि अगर इस देश की गरीबी और बेकारी मिटानी है जिसके लिए आपने दस साल का पीरियड मांगा है उसको अगर आप बचाये 10 से 12 साल में भी पूरा कर दें तो इस देश की जनता का आप बड़ा उपकार करेंगे। इस तरह से आप एक साल अपनी शक्ति और सामर्थ्य योजना को बनाने में लगा सकेंगे और आखिरी साल में उसको पूरा कर सकेंगे। इसलिए मैं चाहूंगा कि आप राजनीति के चक्कर में न पड़ें। 5 की जगह 6 साल सभी जगह हो गए हैं। अगर आप

इसको फिर पांच साल करते हैं तो लोग यही कहेंगे कि आपने राजनीतिक दृष्टिकोण अपनाया। मैं नहीं चाहता कि जनता सरकार इस कलक को अपने माथे पर ले। (व्यवधान) मैं श्री कर्पूरी ठाकुर जी से कहूंगा कि वे इस पर जरा गहराई से विचार करें। 7 महीने तो आपने मान ही लिए हैं फिर 4 और महीनों में कोई फर्क नहीं पड़ने वाला है। बरसात के बाद किसान अपने खेत में लग जाता है। वह अपने खेत की जोताई करेगा या एलेक्शन में लगेगा। इसलिये मैं बहुत नम्रता के साथ आपसे निवेदन करूंगा कि आप 6 साल का समय ही रहने दीजिए। चार महीने में कोई फर्क नहीं पड़ने वाला है। अगर आपके पीछे सही मायने में राजनीतिक ताकत है तो चार महीने के बाद भी अपना असर खोने वाले नहीं हैं, आप फिर से सीटें जीतकर आ सकते हैं। इसलिए मेरी आप से प्रार्थना है कि आप इस पर गहराई से विचार कीजिये और इसको राजनीतिक मुद्दा मत बनाइये। आप 6 साल रखकर इस कानून को पास करवा लीजिये। इससे जनता पार्टी और हमारा-दोनों का ही अच्छा असर पड़ेगा। मेरी आपसे प्रार्थना है कि आप इस पर गहराई के साथ विचार करें।

गृह मंत्री (चौधरी चरण सिंह) : समाप्त, महोदय, इधर से मेरे दो मित्र जो बोल चुके हैं उस के बाद मुझे कुछ कहने की जरूरत नहीं है। विरोधी दल के माननीय सदस्यों की ओर से एक भी तर्क ऐसा नहीं दिया गया जिस में जबाब देने की कोई जरूरत हो और इस बात को वे स्वयं अपने दिल में जानते भी थे।

एक नया तर्क यह लाया गया है कि पांच साल की योजना को पूरा करने के बाद एक साल का लिये उसे और बढ़ा दिया जाये। मैं नहीं समझता हूँ कि क्यों भी इस तरह का तर्क दिया गया है कि 5 साल को बढ़ा कर 6 साल कर दिया जाये। आपकी जा चौबी

[चौधरी चरण सिंह]

योजना थी, वह 1969 से 1974 तक थी, उसके बाद आपन अगली योजना की तैयारी में 2 साल दर कर दी और अगली योजना 1976 में लागू हुई। अगर आप की दलील इस तरह का है तो यह 7 साल होना चाहिए लेकिन मेरा ख्याल है कि अगर योजना 5 साल की है तो पाचवे साल में अगली योजना की तैयारी हो सकती है। आप यह चाहते हैं कि 5 वष योजना चलाई जाये और उस के बाद 1 वर्ष खाली बैठ कर योजना बनाने में यह एक ऐसा बात है जिस का जवाब देन की मैं आवश्यकता नहीं समझता हूँ।

एक माननीय सदस्य बोले कि वही पर 7 साल की टम भी है मुझे नहीं मालूम कि किसी असेम्बली की टम 7 साल है। अगर 7 साल रखना जरूरी समझते हैं तो फिर 8 साल या 9 साल क्या न हो — यह क्या बात हुई ? मैं नहीं समझता हूँ कि इस में किसी तारीख में जाने की जरूरत है। जैसा मैं पहले मदन से अजें किया था, मेरे इस प्रस्ताव को सदन स्वीकार करें।

सभापति महोदय प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत हुआ
'कि साथ राज्य क्षेत्र शासन अधिनियम 1963 का और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक पर विचार किया जाए।'

The motion was adopted

सभापति महोदय अब मैं क्लॉज 2 पर रखे गये सरकार के संशोधन की लेता हूँ —

Clause 2—(Amendment of section 5)

Amendment made

Pages 1 and 2,—

for lines 8 to 15 and lines 1 and 2 respectively, substitute—

'Provided further that the provisions of this section shall, in relation to the Legislative Assemblies of the Union territories of Goa, Daman and Diu and Mizoram, in existence on the 7th day of February, 1977, apply as if for the words 'five years', in the two places where they occur, the words "five years and seven months" had been substituted' (3)

(Chaudhuri Charan Singh)

सभापति महोदय प्रश्न यह है कि क्लॉज 2 संशोधित रूप में विधेयक का अंग बने।

The motion was adopted

Clause 2 as amended, was added to the Bill.

सभापति महोदय प्रश्न यह है कि क्लॉज 3 विधेयक का अंग बने।

The motion was adopted

Clause 3 was added to the Bill

सभापति महोदय प्रश्न यह है कि क्लॉज 1, इनेक्टिंग, मूला और टाइटल इन विधेयक के अंग बने।

The motion was adopted

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title was added to the Bill.

चौधरी चरण सिंह मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ

'कि इस विधेयक को संशोधित रूप में पास किया जाए।'

सभापति महोदय प्रश्न यह है

'कि इस विधेयक को संशोधित रूप में पास किया जाए।'

The motion was adopted

17.45 hrs

गृह मंत्री (श्रीधर चरण सिंह) मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ

"कि दिल्ली प्रशासन अधिनियम, 1966 का संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक पर विचार किया जाये।"

सभापति महोदय इस में कोई नई बात मुझे नहीं कहनी है। जो पहले वह चुका है, वही बात यहाँ भी लागू होती है। इस में हम 5 साल में महीने का समय करना चाहते हैं, क्योंकि यहाँ पर वर्षा या बरसात की कोई बाधा नहीं है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि इस की मियाद 20 मार्च से लेकर 20 जुलाई तक कर दी जाय। 20 जुलाई तक बढ़ा देने से इलैक्शन कराये जा सकते हैं।

सभापति महोदय प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत हुआ

कि दिल्ली प्रशासन अधिनियम, 1966 का संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक पर विचार किया जाये।

DR HENRY AUSTIN (Ernakulam) For the same reasons when we opposed the earlier Bill I wish to oppose this Bill also As I pointed out earlier this Bill lacks so many things and I don't think the people of this country particularly the Union Territories, will approve of this Bill The people of metropolitan cities who do not like to be treated as second-class citizens Here it is four months whereas in their case it is one year and I do not want to go into this matter any further I do not want to make a lengthy speech I oppose this Bill on principle

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) I want to make a submission about the sitting of the House If you see the Order Paper you will find that the items that follow except item nos 25 and 26, refer to the legislative notification. These have to be passed today Other-

wise the ordinances would lapse The Government is very keen that items other than item nos 25 and 26, are completed by the House today I would like to make a special request to the hon Members opposite to co-operate with the Government These are not controversial issues and if the House does not legislate on them the ordinances may lapse and we may be in a difficult position Through you, Mr Chairman I would appeal to the hon Members to co-operate with the Government to see that these items are completed today As far as item nos 25 and 26 are concerned these may be taken up in the next session

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East) In deference to the wishes of the House I am in agreement with the proposals made by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH (Guntur) We agree upto 24 But, we do not know whether according to the rules item nos 25 and 26 automatically go to the next session

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA We shall request for permission to raise them during the next session

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH We are not committing to that but we would help you to carry through upto item No 24

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY Have you given a decision on item No 25? I would like to discuss it, with your permission in view of the statement made by the Minister I have no objection if it is to be transferred to the first day of the next session I do not wish to put any obstruction This is an act of sacrifice on my part

MR CHAIRMAN We shall see that after this Bill is passed.

SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH All that I am saying is whether under the rules it is permissible to carry on item Nos 25 and 26 to the next session.

SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA Fresh notice has to be given

MR CHAIRMAN Government will have to give fresh notice

SHRI DINEN BHATTACHARYA (Serampore) Are you talking about 25 or 26?

MR CHAIRMAN Both

श्री विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : दिल्ली एरमिनिस्टेशन एक्ट के टर्म को पांच साल से ठाढ़ कर छ साल करने की कोशिश हुई थी। हमारे गृह मंत्री जी ने उसके बजाय इसकी धरति को पांच साल से बढ़ा कर केवल पांच साल चार महीने करने का प्रस्ताव रखा है। मुझे आश्चर्य है कि इसका भी विरोध हमारे विरागी दल के लोग कर रहे हैं। दुनिया के इतिहास में किसी भी डेमोक्रेटिक कट्टी में किसी भी डेमोक्रेटिक इशारे में आपने नहीं देखा होगा कि किसी की भी उम्र एक साल इस तरह से बढ़ाई गई हो। मूले हैरानी होती है कि श्रमजीवन के लोग भाव भी इसकी धरती डिपेंड होने के बाद इस तरह के एक इमारत एक्ट के साथ जुड़े हुए हैं और कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि इसकी टर्म को बढ़ा कर छ साल कर दिया जाए, पांच से छ साल कर दिया जाए। आप देखें कि आर्गुमेंट के लोग क्या देने हैं और यह बहुत ही हास्यास्पद है, हैरानी पैदा करने वाली है। और तो कोई आर्गुमेंट उनको नहीं मिली, उन्होंने यह कह दिया कि प्लान के साथ यह मामला जुड़ा हुआ है, प्लान पीरियड इलैक्शन के साथ जुड़ा हुआ है। अब आप देखें कि इलैक्शन तो होता है 1978 में और प्लान 1979 में खत्म होगा। अगला प्लान 1979 में शुरू होगा और 1984 तक जाएगा। उसका कोई तात्त्विक इलैक्शन के साथ नहीं है आर्गुमेंट के तौर पर ही उन्होंने यह बात कह दी है। मैं समझता हूँ कि गृह मंत्री की बहुत बड़ी उद्धारवादी है कि उन्होंने चार महीने टर्म को बढ़ाने की प्रस्ताव की है। चाहिये तो यह था कि एक दिन का भी एम्बेडेशन

उनको न दिया जाता। आप देखें कि पीपल्स रिप्रिजेंटेशन एक्ट में यह कहा गया है कि टर्म खत्म होने से पहले चुनाव हो जाने चाहिये। लेकिन गृह मंत्री जी ने पांच साल की टर्म खत्म होने के बाद चार महीने इसकी टर्म को बढ़ाने का प्रस्ताव दिया है। इस दौरान इलैक्शन हो जायेंगे। वरना पीपल्स रिप्रिजेंटेशन एक्ट के मुताबिक टर्म खत्म होने से पहले इलैक्शन हो जाने चाहिये थे। कांग्रेस पार्टी ने आर्गुमेंट के जरिये उसकी उम्र को बढ़ा दिया था। अब यह जो लंबूना था इसको दूर करने के लिए जो चार महीने इसकी टर्म को बढ़ाने का प्रस्ताव रखा गया है वह इसलिए रखा गया है कि गंगा में सान महीने किया गया है और वह इसलिए किया गया है क्योंकि उस बीच में बहा पर इलेक्शन नहीं हो सकते थे। इस बहाने मही पर भी चार महीने करना पड़ा है। मैं समझता हूँ कि फोरी तौर पर इसको डिमार्च करके चुनाव करवाया जाना ज़रूरी था। यह इसलिए भी ज़रूरी था कि एमरजेंसी के दौरान दिल्ली के और देश में बहुत ज्यादा जुलूम, अन्याय और भ्रष्टाचार लोगों पर हुए हैं। बहुत बुरी तरह की डिस्टेंडरशिप दिल्ली में कायम की गई थी। उस सख के लिए जिम्मेदार यहाँ काउन्सिल के ऐग्जीक्यूटिव काउंसिलर थे। प्रधान मंत्री श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी और सचिव गांधी के जो हथियार बने थे यहाँ दिल्ली के चार ऐग्जीक्यूटिव काउंसिलर थे। हजारों लोगों को यहाँ गिरफ्तार किया गया, जेल में बन्द किया गया, वहाँ पर तरह तरह से तंग किया गया, दबाई, इत्यादि की सुविधा उनको नहीं दी गई, बीस लोगों को हत्या कर दी गई। जिस तरह ने सारी प्रेस का गला घोट दिया वह सब को मान्य है। जिस को थाया उसको पकड़ कर जेल में डाल दिया गया। यह सब कुछ जिन के कारण हुआ और जो लोग उससे लिए जिम्मेदार हैं उसके बावजूद भी जनता पार्टी उनको एम्बेडेशन देने जा रही है। लेकिन प्रश्नोत्तर की बात यह है कि इसके बावजूद भी हमारे दोस्त इसका विरोध कर रहे हैं यह बहुत आश्चर्य की बात है।

[श्री बिज, "मार मन्होवा"]

दिल्ली के ऐग्रीक्यूटिव काउंसिलरों ने जिन्होंने तुर्कमान गेट पर गोली चलवाई, जिस १ वीस लोगो की जानें गई, जिन्होंने दिल्ली १ साडे छ लाख लोगो को उजाड कर बीस मील दूर फेंक दिया, अन्धधोखाइय कालोनीज पर बुलडोजर चलवा दिए, उनके इन का नामों के बावजूद भी जहां उनको और काउंसिल को एक दिन की भी एक्सेशन देने की जरूरत नहीं थी, जो इतने क्रिमिनल ऐक्स के लिए जिम्मेदार थे, उनको एक्सेशन देने की बात इसलिए हो रही है क्योंकि गोप्रा की अर्नेम्बली को दिया गया है और ऐसा न लग कि उनके साथ ज्यादा हो रही है।

ऐग्रीक्यूटिव काउंसिल में इनहा दर्ज की कुर्रान हैं, बहुत ज्यादा बड़ा कुर्रान के मामले हैं। म्यूज्य मशीन स्कैंडल, ट्रांसपोर्ट स्कैंडल, मारुति स्कैंडल आदि स्कैंडल में यह सब लोग इनवाल्ड है। शराब स्कैंडल आदि स्कैंडल लगातार होने जा रहे हैं। कांग्रेस पार्टी ने अपनी हार के बाद भी कोई सबक नहीं लिया है। बड़ी वास्तिरेसी हो रही है। वह यह है कि जतना पार्टी को बदनाम किया जाए। उसके लिए साजिशें की जा रही हैं। सबको फाइलें फाइल मिनिस्टर हाउस से ले जा कर जलाई गई हैं और जलाई जा रही हैं। दिल्ली एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन की फाइलें भी जलाई जा रही हैं। इसको रोका जाए, इन फाइलों को काबू में करने का इन्तजाम किया जाए।

पिछले चार पांच दिनों में जतना पार्टी को बदनाम करने के लिए कई प्रकार के हथकण्डे इस्तेमाल में लाए गए हैं। कांग्रेस ने सिमेंट के मिल धोखा में इलैक्शन से पहले साजिश की, उन से रपदा लिया और उमरा नतीजा यह है कि आज सारे देश में और दिल्ली में सिमेंट की स्केयरमिटी हो गई है, सिमेंट मिल नहीं रहा है, दिल्ली में उसका मिलना एक तरह से बिल्कुल बन्द हो गया है।

इसी तरह से डालडा कम्पनी के जो मालिक लोग थे उन में कांग्रेस पार्टी ने चुनाव में करोड़ों रु० लिया और आज उस की आर्टि-फिशियल स्केयरमिटी पैदा की जा रही है। इसी तरह से क्योंकि अभी तक कारपोरेशन में उन्हीं के लोग हैं इसलिये मेट्रोपॉलिटन इफेक्ट से, 1976 के हिमाच से, 10 गुना ज्यादा सेल्स टैक्स यहां पर लागू कर दिया गया है और उस के विल भेज दिये गये हैं। मैं माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से कहूंगा कि इस ऐग्रीक्यूटिव कार्डिनल को अगर नहीं तोड़ा गया तो करंट लोगों के हासले बढेंगे।

मेरा निवेदन है कि दिल्ली को स्टेट असेम्बली का दर्जा देना बहुत जरूरी है। दिल्ली एक वायेबिल यूनिट है। अपने पैसे से नोन-प्लान ऐक्सेपेंडिचर में 40 करोड़ की बचत होती है और इन्कम टैक्स से जो पैसा मिलता है उस में से 400 करोड़ रु० दिल्ली पे करती है। इस लिए दिल्ली को स्टेट असेम्बली बनाया जाये और ऐग्रीक्यूटिव काउंसिल को तुरन्त तोड़ा जाय।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं इस का समर्थन करता हूँ।

श्रीधर ब्रह्म प्रकाश (बाह्य दिल्ली) : सभापति जी, मैं इस विन की मुखालिफन करने के लिये खड़ा हुआ हूँ। मुखालिफन का कारण यह है कि यह जो मेट्रोपॉलिटन और ऐग्रीक्यूटिव कार्डिनल है, जैसा मैंने आज से 10 साल पहले भी कहा था जब यह मिल चला रहा था कि दिल्ली के लोगों को बहाने के लिये यह एक खिलाता दिया जा रहा है और मेट्रोपॉलिटन काउंसिल और ऐग्रीक्यूटिव काउंसिल दिल्ली की बोर्ड तालती नहीं कर सकेगी। और यह बेकार साबित होगी और वह बात आज सही साबित हो गई है। मैं तजवीज करता हूँ कि इस विन को बिदरुा किया जाये और इस को लैप्स होने दिया जाय। जल्दी ही सरकार अपने सेगन के अन्दर दिल्ली स्टेट असेम्बली कायम करने के लिए

एक नया बिल लाये और साथ ही साथ ऐग्जीक्यूटिव काउन्सिल को भंग कर दें। इस वास्ते इस बिल को इस वक्त चलाने की कोई जरूरत नहीं है।

आप को मालूम है कि दिल्ली में 1917 से यह मांग चली आ रही है कि दिल्ली के अन्दर असेम्बली हो। पांच साल के लिये 1951 से 1956 तक के लिये यहाँ असेम्बली वायम हुई और बाद में फिर उस को तोड़ दिया गया। जब कहा गया दिल्ली का शासन ठीक में नहीं चल रहा है और यहाँ बहुत वनस्पृशन और कंग्रेस है ऐडमिनिस्ट्रेशन के अन्दर, यहाँ कोई यूनीफाइड आथॉरिटी नहीं है यहाँ जो वारपारेजन बनाई गई थी वह यहाँ के मजालों को हल करने में नाकामयाब हुई है, तो उस वक्त यह कहा गया कि दिल्ली के लिये कोई नया दूसरा ऐडमिनिस्ट्रेशन लाया जाये चूँकि बारबार यह बात कही जाती थी कि दिल्ली असेम्बली नहीं लें, लेकिन आप जो दिल्ली असेम्बली में चाहते हैं वह आप को मिल जायगा, इस पर बहुत हुई और मैं यहाँ इस सदन में दिल्ली की तरफ से रिप्रेजेन्टेटिव था और होम मिनिस्ट्री से बातचीत कर रहा था तो मैंने कहा कि हमें कोई जिद नहीं है कि यहाँ आप दिल्ली असेम्बली उस का नाम रखें। अगर मोवरेन्टी का कोई हिस्सा आप दिल्ली के दूसरे ढाँचे में डाल सकते हैं तो मुझे नाम बदलने में कोई एतराज नहीं होगा। लेकिन वह नहीं डाला जा सका। आखिर बिल पास होने लगा उस वक्त मैं प्रधान मंत्री श्री शास्त्री से मिला और कहा कि यह बिल पास न किया जाये अभी और जब आप हम से वापस लौटें तो आप के साथ बहुत मुवाहिजा कर के उस में कुछ जान डाली जाये। उन्होंने इस बात को स्वीकार किया, हालांकि श्री विशाचरण शुक्ल जी उस समय डिप्टी होम मिनिस्टर थे और जो हैचमैन समझे जाते थे और बाद में साबित भी हुए, उन्होंने चाहा था कि इस को जल्दी से जल्दी पास कराया

जाय। आप को जैसा मालूम है उस वक्त शास्त्री जी वापस नहीं आ सके और इंदिरा गांधी आयीं और सब से पहले उन्होंने दिल्ली ऐडमिनिस्ट्रेशन ऐक्ट को पास कराने में बुलडोजर का इस्तेमाल किया और जबरदस्ती हम बिल का उस वक्त पास किया हमारी राय के खिलाफ। मंत्रीजी यह हुआ कि हम पर यह बिल लाद दिया गया। और उस वक्त से एक तरह से शुरुआत होती है इस बात की कि दिल्ली में जो यहाँ की कांग्रेस थी और और उस वक्त जो यहाँ की कांग्रेस सरकार थी उन में एक इच्छलाफ हो गया। सदन को मालूम होना चाहिए कि मैं ने उस वक्त भी कहा था कि यह एक खिलौना है, यह दिल्ली का बेजान किया जा रहा है, इस को आप न दें। मैं आज भी यह बात कहता हूँ कि इस तर्जुमे को हम न दोहराये। यहाँ तक कि कांग्रेस गवर्नमैंट जो यहाँ पहले थी वह भी यह बात मान चुकी है कि यह बेकार साबित हो चुका है। अब यहाँ पर दूसरा कोई तरीका सोचा जायगा कि क्या करना चाहिये।

तो मैं आप के जरिये गृह मंत्री जी से कहना चाहता हूँ कि कृपा कर के आप इस बिल को वापस ले लें और इस दिल्ली ऐडमिनिस्ट्रेशन ऐक्ट को रिपील कर दें। और दिल्ली असेम्बली का नया बिल लायें ताकि दिल्ली के लोगों को राहत मिले। नहीं तो इस ऐडमिनिस्ट्रेशन से दिल्ली की मुश्किलें बढ़ेंगी और वहाँ के लोगों को कोई राहत मिलने वाली नहीं है।

18 hrs.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur)
Mr Chairman, I think that the Home Minister has already stated that there should not be any repetition. But my Party views it in this way that, surreptitiously, the Government have brought forward these two Bills. It may have been done, according to them, for various reasons, but I can only say that this is being done on political grounds, because the Forty-

Second Constitution Amendment Act was passed by the previous Government, they want to undo that. This is the attitude of this Government. There is no logic in their argument about duration. This was passed when the Forty-Second Constitution Amendment Act was passed, there is lot of substance in that when the life of Rajya Sabha is six Years, why should it be five years in the case of Lok Sabha? Now, many of my friends on the other side are advocating that the voting age must be 18 years. Do you consider the Constitution to be static? The needs of the society are changing and according to these changes, certain changes should take place in the Constitution or in the People's Representation Act. The entire society is a changing society. Therefore, changes are inevitable. Therefore, your argument countering the points made on this side has no logic or substance. Do not take such hasty steps as if all the legislations that have been passed by the previous Government have no reasons behind them. People have voted for all these things. In the southern States people have voted for us and they have supported the Constitution Amendment. We have every reason to say that they have supported us. Should we not say that? Can I betray my people? I wish the economic policy of the Government had been pronounced by this time. I do not know why they are not doing that. It may be due to inner contradictions. It is no use bringing all political and controversial legislations only to hit the other side or take revenge on the previous Government. This type of witch-hunting against the previous Government is very bad. You are creating a very bad precedent by this. After six months or one year, you may go out of office. What will happen to your actions if the other party comes to power? Do not take it for granted that the verdict that has been given is for all time to come. My friends on this side and also our Leader have already said this. Whatever is done reasonably is alright if there are

valid reasons, then it is alright. But do not take a vindictive attitude by bringing all types of legislation in a day and pushing them through. This should not be the attitude of the Government. We are all agreeable for any change. As a matter of fact, our Party has supported the two Bills which were brought by Shri L. K. Advani. But at the same time please do not bring any legislation with a motive of political vindictiveness and to see that the other side is humiliated or subjugated. The motive of these two Bills is that you are in a hurry to topple the State Governments. That is clear from what the ruling party and the Prime Minister have been stating. The States are settled and are running. Let there be elections in the States on the due dates. Where is the hurry? After the elections in the States, you can bring forward anything you like. As I said you should not bring any hasty amendments or legislation for political vindictiveness. These things have been brought only with that motive. There are many important matters which could have been discussed usefully in this House like shortage of many essential commodities rising prices after the elections, victimisation of Harijans and other minority communities, and the violent activities etc. A lot of things have happened in this short period under this new Government. I would once again request that there should not be any political motive and vindictiveness in bringing forward this and other legislation.

श्री शिव नारायण सरमूनिया (बरोल बाग) सभापति महोदय, दिल्ली की जनता ने जनता पार्टी के हक में इतना बड़ा बॉम्बस्ट दिया है और कांग्रेस पार्टी को पूरी तरह से रिजेक्ट कर दिया है। उस के बाद भी उन लोगो को और समय देने का प्रयत्न दिल्ली की जनता के लिए एम्बरजैसी की हालत को जारी रखना है। इस समय जो चार महीने की एक्स्पेंशन दी जा रही है, उस में भी वे लोग पोलिटिक्ल

[श्री शिव नारायण सरसूनिया]

मोटि, दखन हैं। वास्तव में तो उन को आज ही हटा देना चाहिए। दिल्ली की जनता अब उन को शीघ्र बर्बाद करने के लिए तैयार नहीं है। दिल्ली की जनता इस बात से बहुत दुखी है कि अभी भी उन लोगों को बिठाए रखा जा रहा है जिन का दखन भी वह पसन्द नहीं करती है। वह किसी काम के लिए उन के पाम नहीं जाती है। वे लोग दिल्ली में एक दिन बनाने पर तुले हुए हैं।

जिन अफसरों ने उन के कहने के अनुसार काम नहीं किया, उन का विरिद्धादजनन हो रहा है उन का साथ दुर्घटन हो रहा है, उनका फादना को खराब किया जा रहा है। चूंकि जनता ने उन को वोट नहीं दिया है, इस लिए वे ना तो उस को बैर की दृष्टि से देखते हैं। दैनिक दृष्टि से इस बात का कोई भी अर्थ नहीं है कि उन लोगों को एक दिन भी छोड़ दिया जाए। दिल्ली के लोगों का यह निश्चयन मन है कि उन को किसी भी तरह से बहा न रहने दिया जाए।

मेरा कहना है कि मेट्रोपोलिटन कांसिल को तांड दिया जाए, नये चुनाव कराये जाये और वहाँ पर विधान सभा की स्थापना की जाए। वहाँ पर मेट्रोपोलिटन आफ एयारिटीज हान के अंग दिल्ली की जनता बहुत परेशान है। कुछ एयरिटीज केन्द्र के अधीन और कुछ दिल्ली प्रशासन के अधीन होने के कारण दिल्ली की जनता को बहुत तकलीफों का सामना करना पड़ता है। अभी अभी इन्होंने दस गुना हाउस टैक्स कर दिया है और इसी कारण कर दिया है कि कांग्रेस का यहां से वोट नहीं मिले। पानी का दर 17 पैस में बढ़ा कर एडम में 40 पैसे कर दिया। इसी तरह विजनी के पैसे बढ़ा दिए। उन को अब भी बैठाए रखेंगे तो इसी तरह दिल्ली की जनता का साथ बैर भाव रख कर वे गते ही काम करेंगे। इस कारण इस तरह का जो अत्याचार हो रहा है उस को आज दिल्ली की जनता बर्बाद करने के लिए तैयार

नहीं है। इसलिए यह बिल वापस लिया जाय और वहाँ पर असेम्बली के लिए बिल लाया जाए। दिल्ली की जनता को असेम्बली दी जाए।

श्री निशोर लाल (पूर्व दिल्ली) : सभा-पति महोदय, मैं इस आगस्ट हाउस में पहली दफा बोल रहा हूँ। आपन मौका दिया उस के लिए मैं आप का बहुत आभार प्रकट करता हूँ।

एक बात मैं कहना चाहता हूँ और वह यह कि मेरी समझ में नहीं आता कि दिल्ली के लोग तो इतने अच्छे हैं, आप सब लोगों का इज्जत और मान देते हैं, फिर दिल्ली के लोगों के साथ इतनी ज्यादाती क्यों होती जा रही है। हर दफा जो भी ज्यादाती होती है तो दिल्ली के लोगों के साथ होती है। और आज एक दूसरे रूप में दिल्ली के लोगों के साथ ज्यादाती हो रही है। 1956 में असेम्बली तोड़ी गई। दस साल के बाद फिर विचार कर के 1966 में मेट्रोपोलिटन कांसिल का बिल लाया गया। उससे दस साल बाद दोबारा इस बारे में मत पर रहें हैं और मैं तो यह कहूँ। कि अब तो 1976 भी भुजर चुका। अब 1977 आ चुका है।

दिल्ली के डाके के ऊपर जितनी दफा भी विचार हुआ, दस सालों में विचार हुआ और हर दफा विश्वास दिलाया गया कि दिल्ली के डाके को साफा जा रहा है, उस पर विचार कर रहे हैं। इतने महत्व में आज दिल्ली में हो गए हैं कि कोई शहरी अगर चौकरी माहल की स्टेट से या किसी दूसरी स्टेट से आता है तो एक छोटे से काम के लिए पता नहीं कितन डिपार्टमेंट्स में उसे अपनी जगह ढूँढ़नी पड़ती है। उस का एक ही इलाज था कि वहाँ पर कोई एक सिंगल यूनिफाइड एयारिटी होनी चाहिए जिसके पास लोगों की प्रायतन का हन हो सके। आप देखिए कि जिन वक्त म्यूनिसिपल कारपोरेशन दी गई तो स्वर्गीय मोहन बल्लभ पत ने कहा था कि हम आप को ऐसी कारपोरेशन दे रहे हैं जो

अपेक्षा का हन होगी। उस कारपोरेशन ने भी हन नहीं किया—1957 में कारपोरेशन को बनाया गया था—तो 1966 में फिर तोड़ा गया और फिर मेट्रोपोलिटन कांसिल की बात लायी गई। जब यह लायी गई उस वक़्त भी यह विश्वास दिलाया गया कि यह यहाँ का प्रावलम्ब का हल होगा। लेकिन दस साल में फिर पार्लियामेंट में वही बात बार-बार दोहरायी गई और कहा गया कि इस से भी मर्मन हल नहीं हो रहे हैं। तब कहा गया कि अब कोई और तरीका होगा। अब दस साल भी पूरे हो गए। फिर भी मेट्रोपोलिटन कांसिल को एक्सटेंड किए जा रहे हैं। इस तरह एक्सटेंड करने रहेंगे तो मालूम नहीं कब इस पर ठंडे दिल से सोचेंगे, कब विचार करेंगे। मैं तो समझता हूँ कि दिल्ली के लोगों के साथ बहुत दिनों से अन्याय होता जा रहा है। इस अन्याय को लोग वर्दाश भी करते हैं। लेकिन कभी कभी चीज़ें वर्दाश की सीमा से बाहर भी हो जाया करती हैं। मेरा तो सिर्फ इतना ही कहना है कि इस को एक्सटेंड करने का मतलब क्या है यह कुछ मेरी समझ में नहीं आता। एक तरफ तो कहते हैं कि पांच साल होना चाहिए। फिर हम खुद प्रावलम्ब किए गए हैं और सात महीने के लिए एक्सटेंड कर के उस का माला करना चाहते हैं। पहले खुद प्रावलम्ब थियेट करे और फिर उस को साल्व करे यह कुछ मेरी समझ में नहीं आता। आज जो मेट्रोपोलिटन कांसिल है उसमें के लोग तो कह ही रहे हैं कि पोलिटिकल विक्टिमाइजेशन हो रहा है, पोलिटिकल मोटिव तो मेरी समझ में नहीं आता कि उन की तरफ से है या इस तरफ से है, मैं तो समझता हूँ कि ज़रूरी सरकार की बहुत ज्यादा उदारता है, उस को स्वीकार करने का बजाय वे पोलिटिकल विक्टिमाइजेशन उस को कहते हैं जब इन का कहना है यही है तो हम अपने रास्ते को तो नहीं छोड़ सकते। यह बात तो ठीक है होम मिनिस्टर साहब की। लेकिन एक मान देखनी होगी कि बाकी स्टेट्स और यूनियन टैरिटरीज के साथ इस को कम्प्राइज नहीं

किया जा सकता। दिल्ली का अपना एक अलग स्थान, एक अलग जगह है। इसकी प्रावलम्ब को हल करने के लिए पिछले सालों में बहुत दफा कमिट्टी बनाई गई है। तो कोई यूनियन एथारिटी इस के लिए बनाई जाए। कोई नाम से हम बहुत अटैचमेंट नहीं है। लेकिन कोई ऐसी एथारिटी हो जहाँ उस के सार मसले हल हों। 60 लाख दिल्ली के लोग हैं। सात पार्लियामेंट के मैसेम्बर हैं। आप देखें कि आधे घंटे दिल्ली के इतने इम्पार्टेंट मामलों का बड़ी मुश्किल से मिले हैं। दिल्ली के और भी कितने मसले हैं। लख लोग परेशान हैं। लख लोगों को वहाँ से भेजा गया। मुझे माफ़ करोगे गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया का हर एक डिपार्टमेंट, हर अफसर चाहे वह सैक्रेटरी हो, अड्डर सैक्रेटरी हो या सैवशन अफसर हो वह दिल्ली के बड़े से बड़े अफसर का और पोलिटिकल आदमी को डायरेक्टिव-इशु कर सकता है। और जिसका बहुत से लोग हुकम देन वाले होते हैं उसकी कोई भी प्रावलम्ब हल नहीं होती है। एक का दूसरे के साथ कोई कोऑर्डिनेशन नहीं होता है और मसले एक मिनिस्टर से दूसरी मिनिस्टर में ओवरलेप करते हैं। एक का हुकम कुछ होता है तो दूसरे का हुकम कुछ और होता है।

अभी 15 तारीख में यू०पी० की सरकार ने एक ऐक्ट पास कर दिया है। दिल्ली सप्लाइ सप्ले की यू०पी० 6 लाख लीटर दूध दे सकता है। 6 लाख लीटर दूध बढ़ा से आया करता था लेकिन अब यू०पी० से यहाँ पर दूध नहीं आ सकेगा। 15 तारीख के बाद पता नहीं पया होगा, दिल्ली के बच्चों को दूध मिलेगा या नहीं? इस प्रकार की समस्याओं के लिए यही हल हो सकता है कि एक स्टेट गवर्नमेंट दूसरी स्टेट से। इससे बराबरी के आधार पर बात करे। इसी प्रकार से मसले हल हो सकते हैं। लेकिन यू०पी० ने यूनियन टैरिटरी एक्ट पास कर दिया कि दिल्ली में क्या से दूध नहीं आ सकता।

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इसी तरह से ट्रांसपोर्ट का मसला है। हमारी बसों को बहा जाने में गन दिया जाता है। इस तरह गराज को जाल वाली बस हो जाती है। हरियाणा की सरकार भी हुकम देती है और यू. पी. की सरकार भी हुकम देती है। सन्दर्भ गवर्नमेंट की सारी मिनिस्ट्रीज को हुकम देती ही है। दिल्ली के लोग आपकी बड़ी इज्जत करते हैं, आपका सिर आधो पर बिठाते हैं और जो पार्लमेंट क. मॅम्बर्स हैं उनको बड़ी इज्जत देते हैं। मैं आपका जरिए माननीय गृह मंत्री जी में प्रार्थना करूंगा कि वे इन तमाम मसला पर कुछ विचार करें और तमाम जितने कमिटिमेंट बहा पहुंचे लिए गए हैं वह पूरे लिए जायें। दिल्ली का मसला के लिए कोई ऐसा हल ढंढा जाए जिससे दिल्ली के लोगों को बार बार पार्लियामेंट का कीमती समय जाया न करना पड़े। इन शब्दों के साथ मैं आपका आभार प्रकट करता हूँ।

गृह मंत्री (श्रीधरी चरण सिंह) चेयरमैन महादय, अभी अपने माननीय मित्र जो बोल रहे थे उनके भाषण को सुनकर मुझे बड़ी तकलीफ हुई। वे यह जाहिर करना चाहते थे और उनका यह मतलब साफ था कि दिल्ली के लोगों के सामने डिस्ट्रिबुशन हो रहा है, इम्प्लाय हो रहा है और अन्याय हो रहा है। दिल्ली के लोग उसे बेचारे हैं और दस के दूसरे लोग के साथ बड़ा अच्छा बर्ताव हो रहा है बमुकाबले दिल्ली के लोगों के। मेरी समझ में नहीं आया इसक पीछे उनका क्या तर्क था। उन्हें मान्य नहीं कि दिल्ली की पर-कॅपिटल इनकम हायमेंट है। दिल्ली की जितनी आमदनी है और आयदा है उससे बीस गुना आवादी की स्टेट्स पडोस में है जिनके आम लोग की हानत दिल्ली के निवासियों के मुकाबले कहीं ज्यादा खराब है। लेकिन माननीय सदस्य ने भाषण से यह मालूम हो रहा था कि दिल्ली बरवाद हो गई है दिल्ली के साथ गवर्नमेंट डिस्ट्रिबुशन कर रही है और दिल्ली के लिए उसके दिव में कोई दर्द नहीं है।

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टैक्स कुछ गुन बढ़ गया तो माननीय सदस्य का ख्याल है कि चूँकि यहाँ पर मेट्रोपॉलिटन कौंसिल है इसलिए टैक्स बढ़ गया लेकिन ऐसी बात नहीं है। ग्रेट गवर्नमेंट भी टैक्स बढ़ाती है। दिल्ली के पडोस में दमदम करोड़ की आवादी की स्टेट है जहाँ पर दस-दस गुना नैड रेवेन्यू बढ़ा दिया गया। इसलिए चूँकि मेट्रोपॉलिटन कौंसिल ई उसरी बजह से यह खराबी है और स्टेट गवर्नमेंट हो जायेगी तो सारा मसला हल हो जायगा मैं उनको इस बात से सहमत नहीं हूँ।

इसके अलावा जिस तरीके से उन्होंने यह बात कही कि वहाँ तक लागू बर्दाश्त करेगे, मैं नहीं समझता यह कहने की भाषा थी क्या कि उस में एक घमकी का इशारा है। सदन में इस तरह की बात कहना खास तौर से जब आप अपनी गवर्नमेंट के सपोर्टर हैं उस के पाट हैं मैं नहीं समझता वहाँ तक शोभा तक है। जहाँ तक इस बात का संबंध है कि असेम्बली बन या न बने यह सवाल इस में उठता नहीं है। अगर बन जाय तो मुझे कोई दिक्कत नहीं है। लेकिन अभी तक मैंने उस पर कोई विचार नहीं किया है और मेरी सरकार ने भी उस पर कोई विचार नहीं किया है। अभी गवर्नमेंट को चार्ज लिए मुश्किल से दस दिन हुए हैं और इस मामले का एक पुराना इतिहास है। जो पहले गवर्नमेंट रह चुकी है जिन के जरिए गवर्नमेंट चलती थी उन को हम अपना शुर्चार् और लीडर मानने थे, उन के सामने यह ममता पन हुआ है, उस पर विवाद हुआ है। इस को देखने समझने की जरूरत होगी। अगर दस दिन में असेम्बली कायम नहीं कर सके तो उस का यह नतीजा निश्चयता जो अभी मेरे मित्र ने निकाला था जिस तरह से श्रीधरी ब्रह्मप्रकाश जी ने कहा मुझे अफसोस है और उस पर शिंकायत है। इस मामले में मेरी एकाध सदस्य से बातचीत हुई। मल्लोत्रा जी से भी हुई। लेकिन इस पर विचार करने की जरूरत होगी। एकदम तो असेम्बली नहीं बन सकती है। एकदम बना दें और डिक्लेयर कर

दें बिना पिछने इतिहास को देखे हुए या जिना कुछ विचार किए हुए तो यह मुमकिन नहीं है। इस लिये यह कहना कि वहा विधान सभा नहीं बनी है, इस लिये दिल को वापस लिया जाय—यह बात मेरी समझ में नहीं आती है। बिल अगर वापस हो जायगा तो वहा वैक्यूम पैदा हो जायेगा, उस सूरत में हमें कोई कानून तो लाना ही पड़ेगा किसी को एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन तो चलाना ही पड़ेगा। इस समय वहा मैट्रोपोलिटन कॉमिल मोजूद है, उसकी मियाद इस लिये बढ़ा रहे हैं ताकि वहा पर इलैक्शन हो सकें। अगर इस को खत्म कर देंगे, तो फिर इलैक्शन नहीं हो सकेंगे, 4 महीने की मियाद बढ़ाने से वहा 20 जुलाई, तक इलैक्शन हो जायेंगे।

एक सज्जन ने कहा कि वही 4 महीने बढ़ा रहे है, कही 7 महीने बढ़ा रहे हैं, जब कि वहा पर 6 साल की व्यवस्था है। हम तो 6 साल नहीं चाहते हैं, केवल 5 साल चाहते हैं, लेकिन 6 वा 5 साल नहीं कर पा रहे हैं, कारण प्राप जानने ही है। यहा हम 5 साल 7 महीने भी नहीं चाहते हैं, क्योंकि वहा मौनमून की मजबूरी नहीं है। इस लिये इस में हमारी नीयत खराब नहीं है या हमारी कोई भ्रूणता भी नहीं है। कुछ मजबूरियां हैं, जो फैक्ट्स हैं वे धाय के सामने मौजूद हैं।

जहा तक आलोचनाओं का सवाल है, मैं आलोचनाओं का स्वागत करता हूँ, लेकिन आलोचनाओं के पीछे सद्भावना या अण्डरस्टेण्डिंग होनी चाहिये। आज इतिहास से मैं होम मिनिस्टर हूँ, बल वहा भी बैठ सकता हूँ। इस लिये यह समझना कि बोर्ड गैर है या मुर्ख है या प्राप के साथ भला क्विज नहीं करना चाहता है या दिल्ली के साथ बोर्ड डिस्ट्रोमिनेशन करना चाहता है—मैं इन बातों के धिनाफ प्रोटेस्ट करता हूँ।

एक माननीय सदस्य ने कहा कि इस के पीछे पोलिटिकल मोटिव है। इस के पीछे ऐसा। कोई पोलिटिकल मोटिव नहीं है,

पोलिटिकल मोटिव तो उन लोगों का था, जिन्होंने 5 साल से 6 साल किया, हम तो 6 साल को करैक्ट करना चाहते हैं, लेकिन उल्टे दोष हम को दिया जाता है। सविधान में शुरू में 5 साल इस लिये रखा गया था कि ग्राम नीर पर इमिया भर की अनेम्बलोन में यह मियाद 5 साल या 4 साल है। मिर्क चीन में 6 साल है और वही भी नहीं है। हमारा फाउण्डिंग फादर्स ने, हमारे मुल्क के लीडर्स ने कास्टीकूलन एक्सपर्टमेंट में बहुत मोच-ममच कर इस को 5 साल रखा था। इस लिये जिन्होंने 5 साल से 6 साल किया, उन के सामने पोलिटिकल मोटिव था, लेकिन हम उसे 6 साल से फिर 5 साल में रिटर्न करना चाहते हैं। इस के लिये यह कहना कि हमारा पोलिटिकल मोटिव है—मैं यही कहना कि हर एक को कहने का हक है, चाहे जो कहे, लेकिन इस बात के पीछे कोई सार नहीं है।

माननीय मल्लोत्रा जी ने कहा कि वहा पर फाइनल जर्नाई गई है। मेरी अवसर मातोत्रा जी से दिल्ली एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन के बारे में बातचीत होना रहती है और वह इस बात को मानेंगे कि जितनी तेजी से मुमकिन है उतनी तेजी से परिवर्तन किया जा रहा है। अगर वहां फाइनल जल रही है, तो ऐसी शिकायत उन्होंने पहले तो मुझ से कभी नहीं की, अगर ऐसा हो रहा है तो मैं एक घंटे के अन्दर वहा किसी आफिसर को भेज सकता हूँ—यह देखने के लिये कि फाइनल वहा जल रही है। मैं यह मानता हूँ कि जो जून दिल्ली में हुए है, वे प्रायद और जगहों पर नहीं हुए हैं। यहा का एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन इतना ज्यादा इन्फेफिशियेंट हो चुका है, कि उस को एक दम चेन्ज करना आसान काम नहीं है इन में थोड़ा देर लगेगी, इस लिये कि इस का बंडल बहुत निमिटेड है। दिल्ली का एक आफिसर, मान सीक्रिटरी, गल्ली कर रहा है, तो उस को वहा भेजें। अगर बड़ा बंडल हो, मान सीक्रिटरी हरिपाना मिता हुआ है या रायम्पान या मुनी से मिता हुआ है तो उस की सहायता बाद में करने,

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तबिन फोरन उम को मिर्जापुर ट्रांसपर कर सकते थे। तबिन दिल्ली तो एक शहर है 6 डिस्ट्रिक्ट व बराबर समय लीजिये या 7 डिस्ट्रिक्ट के बराबर समय लीजिये। एक मुहल्ले से दूसरे मुहल्ले में या एक घाने से दूसरे घाने में भेजा जा सकता है। जब एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन टाप से वाटम तब इनफेसिगिएंट हा, ता उस के सुधारने में यह उम्मीद करना कि एक दम इफिशियेंट हो जायगा या एक दम उस में इन्टीग्रिटी आ जायगी मैं समझता हूँ—यह ज्यादा उम्मीद करना है। मेरी कोजिग होगी कि जो चीज भी मेरी नोटिस में आये उस का जल्द से जल्द ठीक किया जाये।

एक शिकायत यह की गई कि हमें होम मिनिस्टर के यहाँ मारे-मारे फिरना पड़ता है वभी पता मिनिस्टर के यहाँ मारे-मारे फिरना पड़ता है मैं तो नहीं समझता कि असम्बन्धी के हा जाने। यह समस्या हल हो जायगी। जब असेम्बली होगी तो मिनिस्टर वहाँ भी कई हागे और फिर उस में भी कई सजेक्चम हात है। असेम्बली हो जाने के बाद भी आइवर्लेफिंग तो होता ही है इसी लिए वहाँ काग्रार्इनेटर के रूप में चीफ मिनिस्टर की आवश्यकता होती है।

सभापति महोदय, इन शब्दों का भाष में सदन के भागनीय सदस्यों से अपील करता कि वे इस विधेयक को पास करें।

सभापति महोदय प्रश्न यह है

‘कि दिल्ली प्रणामन अधिनियम, 1966 का संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक पर विचार किया जाये।’

The motion was adopted

सभापति महोदय प्रश्न यह है कि क्लॉज न० 2, 3, 1, इन्वर्किंग फार्मूला और टाइटल विधेयक के अंग हों।

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2, 3 & 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

चौधरी चरण सिंह मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूँ
“कि विधेयक को पारित किया जाय।”

सभापति महोदय प्रश्न यह है
‘कि विधेयक का पारित किया जाय।’

The motion was adopted

18 26 hrs

DISPUTED ELECTIONS (PRIME MINISTER AND SPEAKER) BILL

MR CHAIRMAN Now, we take up the next item Shri Shanti Bhushan

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN) Mr Chairman, Sir, I beg to move* “That the Bill to provide for Authorities to deal with disputed elections to Parliament in the case of Prime Minister and Speaker of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith, be taken into consideration”

I do not want to make a long speech. The other day, while introducing this Bill, I had stated that it was the Government's intention to do away with Art. 329A of the Constitution which had made a distinction between the Prime Minister and the Speaker on the one hand and the other Members of Parliament on the other hand in regard to the manner in which their elections could be disputed and the election petitions could be tried

We have already introduced a Bill for the appropriate amendment of the Constitution for the purpose of deleting that Art 329A from the Constitution. But, as I had stated earlier,

so long as that Article in the Constitution remains on the statute book the Government was under some constraint because it had been provided that an authority other than that specified in Art 329 alone could go into the election disputes relating to a person holding office of Prime Minister or holding Office of Speaker. It was for that purpose that this Bill was introduced.

Now, Sir, earlier an Ordinance had been issued by the previous Government by which they had provided that the authority to go into the election disputes relating to elections to the Parliament of the Prime Minister and the Speaker shall be a Committee consisting of nine members—three representatives of the Lok Sabha, three representatives of the Rajya Sabha and three nominees of the President.

Now, it was considered that such an authority would not command the confidence of the people and in that connection Sir I would like to invite the attention of this House to a passage in *May's Parliamentary Practice* because, in England and also earlier dispute about elections of Members of Parliament used to be considered by the Parliament itself by the House of Commons itself and subsequently by committees of the House. This is what is stated in the *May's Parliamentary Practice* in page 9 with regard to that. I quote

"Before the year 1770 controversial elections were tried and determined by the whole House of Commons as mere party questions upon which the strength of contending factions might be tested. In order to prevent so notorious a perversion of justice the House consented to submit the exercise of its privileges to a tribunal constituted by law which though composed of its own Members should be appointed so as to secure impartiality and the administration of justice according to

the laws of the land and under the sanction of oaths. The principle of the Grenville Act and of others which were passed at different times since 1770 was the selection by lot of committees for the trial of election petitions. Partiality and incompetence were however generally complained of in the constitution of committees appointed in this manner.

and, in 1839 an Act was passed establishing a new system upon different principles increasing the responsibility of individual Members and leaving but little to the operation of chance. This principle was maintained with partial alterations of the means by which it was carried out until 1868 when the jurisdiction of the House in the trial of controversial election was transferred by statute to the courts of law."

So Sir in England also earlier the House used to go into disputes in regard to elections. Later on, the Committees went into such disputes. Even that procedure was found to be unsatisfactory. Thereafter the matter was handed over to the courts. That was the position which was accepted in our Constitution originally. I was only later on that Article 329A was introduced. As I said earlier we have already introduced a Constitutional Amendment Bill for rectifying that position. So far as this Committee was concerned this was not considered a satisfactory authority which would command the confidence of the people. The question was as to which authority should be substituted in its place. We gave anxious consideration to that question and we thought since it was not possible to introduce High Court—as it was ruled out by Article 329A which said it must be some authority other than that specified under Article 329(b)—the only other authority which could command the confidence of the people would be a still superior authority namely a judge of the

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Supreme Court to be nominated by the Chief Justice of India. That was the reason why this authority has been stipulated in this Bill.

Sir I would like to say—with your permission—that I am sorry that the other day when I introduced the Bill a question had arisen as to whether against the decision of the single judge of the Supreme Court a further appeal would lie and under an error I had stated then that perhaps an appeal would lie under Article 136. I referred to the analogy of Article 139 and the Supreme Court decisions on the subject. I am very sorry to say that I had overlooked at that time that under Article 329A there is an express provision saying that the decision of the authority so constituted shall be final. I apologise to the House for having made a statement which was not correct. Since the point was raised at the spur of the moment I had overlooked that provision in Article 329A.

SOME HON MEMBERS We appreciate what you say

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN So I apologise to the House for that. With these few words I commend the Bill to this House.

MR CHAIRMAN Motion moved

"That the Bill to provide for Authorities to deal with disputed elections to Parliament in the case of Prime Minister and Speaker of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith, be taken into consideration"

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arakonam) Mr Chairman, Sir I am surprised that the learned Law Minister should bother this House with this Bill at this late hour as we are already working overtime.

AN HON MEMBER The original Bill was also passed in a hurry.

SHRI O V ALAGESAN Now, Sir, I am on a firmer ground because hon Members from the opposite side contested even at the introduction stage the principle of this Bill, the manner of introducing it and the very necessity for introducing it.

Now Sir in answer to the various objections that were raised by the experienced hon Members of this House Sarvashri S N Mishra Madhy Limaye Shri Yadav and also by my friend Shri Kamath—I am very happy to see Mr Kamath again in this House—in answer to the various doubts and objections that were raised by the hon Members the Minister said that there would be a lacuna and so he is bringing forward this Bill. From what we have seen of the hon Law Minister in the short period we have credited him with clear thinking and very precise speech. He comes to this House with a very big legal reputation and I hope he will soon find a berth in this House or in the other House and we will have the benefit of his knowledge and experience and both the House and the nation I hope will benefit by his being in this House.

Now I am really surprised that there is some confusion whether there is really a gap that should be filled. Now we are going through the whole process of this long Bill being enacted by this House. I think it would be simply road rolled because the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs was very anxious to finish the business as quickly as possible. I do not know whether it is necessary to go through the whole process of looking into this Bill and considering this Bill and passing this Bill or not when you have already introduced your Constitution (Forty third Amendment) Bill where you have said in clause 6 that you are going to omit Article 329A.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (Jadavpur) Would you support that?

SHRI O V ALAGESAN When it comes, we will see whether we support or oppose. Don't be impatient.

Now there is a provision in sub clause (2) of clause 6 where you say election petitions are to be disposed of by the authority that you are now going to create namely one of the Supreme Court judges appointed by the Chief Justice for this purpose. Then as soon as this Constitution (Amendment) Bill takes effect it will abate and you will be reverting to the regular authority to the original position and the authorities that were there then will come into existence and will be approached by the Election petitioner. Apart from the fact whether there is any election petition against the present Prime Minister and present Speaker I do not think that there is any necessity to provide in this fashion against all that you have said during the election time and that is why hon. Members on your side took objection to it. You can easily provide and easily alter sub clause (2) of clause 6 and say that if any election petition is to be filed that can be filed the time can be allowed and that can be filed under the old authority under the authority to which we will revert if this Constitution (Amendment) Bill becomes law. When that is the case I do not know why this Bill should be brought and the House should be put to the necessity of going through the process of passing this law.

Sir I have done

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH (Hoshangabad) Mr Chairman at the outset may I request that instead of hustling the business of the House—these three items are fairly important—the House if it agrees unanimously may sit on Saturday

AN HON MEMBER Next Session only

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH The House must agree for the next Session in that case

Mr Chairman I am glad to note that the Minister of Law has admitted that the Bill before the House is

wholly repugnant to the luminous principle of equality before the law and I am sorry to say that the acceptance of this Bill goes totally against the grain because it appears that we have not yet emerged from the umbra of the emergency into the light of freedom and equality and we are still living in the penumbra of that emergency. The Law Minister the other day also advanced certain pleas for acceptance by the House. In spite of all that he has said I have still got doubts whether this Bill should have come before the House as it is and as it has been moved by the Law Minister. In the first place there are two grounds on which I would like to criticise this Bill.

What does clause (b) of Article 329 say? How does it read? What does article 329(b) say? No election to either House of Parliament or either House of the legislature of a State shall be called in question except by an election petition presented to such authority and in such manner as may be provided for by or under any law made by the appropriate legislature. I would invite your attention to Directions 19(a) and 19(b) of the Directions of the Speaker. The present Bill seeks to replace the Ordinance with certain modifications. So it is quite patent that the Bill modifies the Ordinance. So if you could modify it to a certain extent why can not you modify it to a fuller extent and establish the principle of equality before the law on as high a pedestal as we can because the House will agree that the Speaker of the House and the Prime Minister who were holding the offices at the time of elections are on a different footing from those who were elected Prime Minister and Speaker after the elections were over. Therein lies the rub, because this Bill seeks to provide for both contingencies

[Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath]

I now invite your attention to clause 5 of the Bill the proviso thereto

Provided that a petition calling in question the election of a person who does not hold the office of Prime Minister or as the case may be Speaker of the House of the People at the time of such election and who is appointed or chosen to that office after such election but before the expiry of the time for presenting such election petition may be presented within forty five days from the date on which such person was appointed as the Prime Minister or chosen as the Speaker of the House of the People"

Could this not have been deleted because the Ordinance is sought to be modified? Could this not have been included in the modification? It is wholly repugnant. I do not know why the hon. Law Minister wants to insist upon this provision. Imagine a person who fights the election as an ordinary candidate. A, B, C are all equals on the battle field of the ballot. The hon. Law Minister has tremendous experience because he conducted the election petition of Shri Raj Narain against the then Prime Minister after the 1971 election. A person who holds the office of the Prime Minister at the time of election is in a different category. Because the Prime Minister can exploit the advantages accruing to him on account of wealth, money or position and other things. But consider a person who fights the election as an ordinary candidate like most of us who fought the election now—we have fought elections in the past also—and if after the election a person is elected as Prime Minister or Speaker how does it entitle him to be placed in a different category from other persons who fought the elections on the same battle field? I hope the hon. Minister will throw some light on this matter because it is a very important matter not that it is probable but it is not beyond the realms of possibility that within a certain period of time, the party which has

come to power may elect somebody as speaker or Prime Minister and within a few days the candidate who opposed him might file an election petition against him but within the next few days either due to an act of God or may be for other reasons the person chosen as Speaker or Prime Minister no longer may be holding that office. Again that means therefore the petition will have to be filed against the new incumbent before a proper authority. This proviso I think should be wholly deleted. It is a repugnant, undesirable, unhealthy, anti equality proviso. Generally speaking the entire Bill is against the principle of democratic equality. We can accept it only on the solemn assurance of the Law Minister that no stone will be left unturned to see to ensure that the principle of equality has been established under the Constitution with regard to elections and also further reinforced by the Peoples Representation Act of 1951—that principle is again upheld and a new law, a new Bill is brought before the House at the earliest possible date seeking to delete all these inequality provisions with regard to the Speaker with regard to the Prime Minister from the Statute that provides for challenging elections to persons who have been elected to such offices or who were holding such offices before the elections.

Now I would refer to another matter and that is here it is stated in the Statement of the Minister that the Ordinance was passed in February 1977 and the Ordinance promulgated provided for a Council of 9 Members, 3 Members of this House, 3 Members of the other House and 3 other Members. Now I made the point the other day when it was introduced that either it could have been allowed to lapse or the Council of Ministers could advise the President to withdraw the Ordinance. Neither of these two courses was adopted. The Law Minister then said on that occasion that there might be a vacuum if that course had

been adopted because of Article 329A. I would request him because he is a legal luminary, to throw some light on this particular point. Suppose the Ordinance had lapsed or suppose the Ordinance had been withdrawn by the President. Article 329A provides 'or the constitution of authority of 9 Members—of Council of Members. Suppose the House refused to appoint 3 Members from this House, then there would have been no vacuum. The old law would have taken effect under the R.P. Act of 1951 and because the House refused to cooperate in this matter and refused to appoint 3 members of this House in the Council the Council would have been defunctus officio more or less ab initio. There would have been no body under Article 329A. And therefore, this point might be considered by the Law Minister and he might throw some light as to whether this could not have been attempted or this could not have been tried before bringing this inequality Bill before the House. I have tabled some amendments and I will take them up at the appropriate stage.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE

(Jadavpur) Sir, I do not envy the Law Minister who has to pilot an obnoxious Bill like this, but I quite appreciate that he has no option because there cannot be a gap until article 329(a) an aberration which was incorporated in the Constitution is set right. I hope the opposition will have at least that much of sense to support the deletion of article 329(a) when the matter comes before the House. I am sure it was incorporated in the Constitution with the expectation that Shrimati Indira Gandhi will be returned to this House and made Prime Minister again. If she could have understood the minds of the people and realised the effects of the actions of the previous government during the last 20 months they would not have taken the trouble of amending the Constitution. Surely they had no concern about Shri

Morari Desai's election. Who the really intended beneficiary of article 329(a) was is obvious. As I said the Speaker was brought in to keep company only. The real person who was intended to be saved from judicial decision was the then Prime Minister who thought she was the permanent Prime Minister of this country. But the people have given their verdict. The previous government was afraid of judicial scrutiny. So they tried to conceive of a method for deciding the election disputes in respect of two individuals in this country, however high position they might be made to occupy and they were intended to be put above the law. A special class was created for two persons in this country to whom the legal processes will not apply. My friends here do not feel ashamed that they had supported that law. Today they are giving advice to the Law Minister why this Bill should or should not have been brought. It has to be brought because otherwise there will be a gap which has to be filled up. I am sure the Law Minister is not happy to hold the deformed child of a diseased progenitor. This is an atrocity committed on the Constitution. I am thankful that he has done at least one thing. So long as it will remain on the statute book—I hope it will not be used at any point of time—at least the obnoxious features of the ordinance have been deleted. The original provision was there will be a body of 9 persons to be handpicked. She thought it will be a captive Parliament as it was in the past. Through the so-called process of election with 3 members of the Lok Sabha, 3 members of the Rajya Sabha and a captive bureaucracy and handpicked ex-judges etc. a unique body of 9 persons would be formed who would decide her election petition on the basis of partisan policies. This atrocity was committed on the Constitution for the sake of one individual in this country but before a judicial tribunal had an opportunity to deal with her election the people have dealt with her election properly and rejected her outright.

[Shri Somnath Chatterjee]

As I said I must thank the Law Minister that that sort of authority has not been continued in this Bill. Under this new Bill which he has brought a Supreme Court judge is to be nominated by the Chief Justice and he will be the authority to try the election petition. We do not know whether an election petition will be filed or not. When Mr Kamath objected to this proviso to clause 5 he might not have noticed that article 329(a) itself has made a provision that even if subsequently a person is appointed as Speaker or Prime Minister, the previous election petition, even if filed against him or her, would abate. Therefore, this proviso has to be inserted here and it cannot be helped. I know Mr Kamath would feel outraged at this atrocity but it has been done. The Constitution has been defiled and raped by a power-hungry executive at that time. They wanted to perpetuate their hegemony in this country by all sorts of Draconian laws and outrageous provisions put into the Constitution. In the name of bringing about the paramountcy of Parliament, they defiled the Constitution and they defiled this House. They insulted the people's intelligence. This is what had happened. Therefore a judicial body, a hand-picked body as was contemplated in the Constitution, was selected for the obviating and ulterior motive of keeping her in office. She knew that she could remain in office only through these people and not otherwise. But the peoples' judicial authority had found it out and given its judgment. I do hope that there will be no occasion to use this law in future in this country. We wish at least to get rid of 329(A) if we do not get rid of other provisions of the Constitution. I only wish that some good sense will dawn on this Opposition and they will behave according to the wishes of the people which have been very clearly manifested during the last elections.

१. श्री हरिश्चंद्र बहादुर (गोरखपुर) -
मननीय सभापति महोदय, इस सदन में

जो बिल हमारे माननीय ला मिनिस्टर ने प्रस्तुत किया है मैं उसका समर्थन करने के लिए खड़ा हुआ हूँ। पुरा मुल्क इस बात को जानता है कि 12 जून, 1975 को जब इलाहाबाद हाईकोर्ट ने तत्कालीन प्रधान मंत्री श्रीमती इन्दिरा गांधी के एलेक्शन को सेट एसाइड कर दिया तो उस समय इस मुल्क के भन्दर एक बहुत बड़ी चेतना जागृत हुई और इस देश की जनता ने कहा कि प्रधान मंत्री को अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे देना चाहिए। नैतिकता की मांग भी थी कि प्रधान मंत्री अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे देती। लेकिन बजाय इसके कि वे इस्तीफा देती उन्होंने सबसे पहले इस मुल्क के भन्दर जो कांग्रेस के लोग थे इस पार्लियामेंट में उन से एक प्रस्ताव करवाया कि उन के बिना मुल्क नहीं चल सकता है। इस से भी आगे बढ़कर जब एक रैली हो रही थी उसमें कांग्रेस अध्यक्ष ने एक गीत गाया। प्रधान मंत्री के लिए वह गीत था कि तुम्हारी सुबह की जय, तुम्हारी शाम की जय तुम्हारे नाम की जय, तुम्हारे काम की जय। इस तरह की बातें कहने के बाद इस मुल्क में इमर्जेंसी लागू की गई। तमाम लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया गया। पीपुल्स रेप्रेजेंटेशन एक्ट में अमेंडमेंट कर दिया गया और उस से भी आगे बढ़कर सविधान में संशोधन कर दिया गया। प्रधान मंत्री को जुडिशियरी की सीमा से बाहर कर दिया गया। यह इस देश की जनता के साथ लोकतन्त्र के साथ बहुत बड़ा अन्याय था। ये बहुत गलत काम हुए। डेमोक्रेसी की जो सब से जरूरी बात है ईक्वलिटी विफोर ला जो कि लोकतन्त्र को जीवित रखने के लिए जरूरी होता है उस को समाप्त करने की कोशिश की गई। चूंकि हमारा मुल्क एग्लो सैलॉनिक मुल्क रहा है, जब आजादी मिली उसी समय देश के सभी महान नेताओं ने फैसला किया कि हम देश में लोकतन्त्र की स्थापना होनी चाहिए और जनता के विचार

से, जनता की राय से सरकार चलनी चाहिए, इस लिए आर्टिकल 14 में ईक्वलिटी बिधोर ला की बात बही गई थी, लेकिन इन सारी बातों को ताक में रख कर जो कानून बनाया गया और जो सविधान में संशोधन किया गया उस से साफ जाहिर होता है कि प्रधान मंत्री को जुडिशियरी की सीमा से बाहर रखने की साजिश की गई। केवल एक व्यक्ति के लिए, स्पीकर का नाम तो ऊपर से जोड़ दिया गया, ये सारी चीजें की गई। आज जो सविधान में आर्टिकल 329(ए) है, यह हमारे सविधान के लिए एक बहुत बड़ा घाट है, इसको जल्दी समाप्त करना चाहिए।

मानरेबिल ला मिनिस्टर ने हमारे सामने जो बातें दो दिन पहले कही थीं, उन को दृष्टि में रखते हुए न केवल हम बल्कि हमारे विरोधी दल के सभी माननीय सदस्य जरूरी समझते होंगे कि यह जी बिल आया है, इसको जल्दी पास किया जाय। लेकिन एक बात मैं अवश्य कहना चाहता हूँ—हम अपनी सरकार के बहुत आभारी हैं, जिन्होंने इस बिल को यहाँ ला कर यह साबित किया है कि जनता पार्टी की यह सरकार लोकतन्त्र में और इस देश की जुडिशियरी में गहरी आस्था रखती है।

19 June

श्री शिवनारायण (बस्ती) समापति महोदय, मैं ला मिनिस्टर साहब को धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूँ—12 जून, 1975 को जिस मुकदमे को लड़ कर इन्होंने जीता था—उस से इस मुकदमे में डेमोक्रेसी की नींव मजबूत हुई। इन का और इलाहाबाद के जस्टिस जगमोहन लाल सिन्हा का नाम हमेशा के लिए इस देश के इतिहास में अमर हो गया। उसी का यह परिणाम

है कि इस देश की जनता ने आप को यहाँ लाकर बैठा दिया और पुरानी प्राइम मिनिस्टर जो अपने आप सुपर-ह्यूमन बनना चाहती थी, उन को 1, सफदरजंग रोड में ले जा कर बैठा दिया।

मैं ला मिनिस्टर से रिक्वेस्ट करूंगा कि आर्टिकल 329(ए) को जल्द से जल्द सविधान से निकाल दिया जाय, इस के निबलने से बाद हमारा सविधान शुद्ध हो जाएगा। आज आप से बड़ा वास्टीट्यूशनलिस्ट हमारे पास कोई नहीं है, आप कानून के महान पण्डित हैं, मैं आप की सराहना करता हूँ, आप की हर आज्ञा का पालन करूंगा। इस देश में डिसिप्लिन आप ही ला सकते हैं, ये सामने बैठने वाले कुछ नहीं कर सके, केवल अपना झोंक ही बजाते रहे। इन के कारनामों ने ही इन को वहाँ बैठाया है। हम ने डेमोक्रेटिक सेट-अप का जो नक्शा बनाया है, अपनी जनता से जो वायदे हम ने किए हैं—उन को हमें पूरा करना है।

आज 10 दिन के बाद मुझे बोलने का अवसर मिला है—1970 के बाद आज पहली दफा मैं इस सदन में बोल रहा हूँ। मैं आप को धन्यवाद देता हूँ—आप ने मुझे बोलने का अवसर दिया। हमारी जनता की सालसा है कि किस दिन आप अमॅडमेंट पास कर के इस को पांच साल करें और पुराने वाले कानून को समाप्त करें।

इन शब्दों के साथ मैं इस विधेयक का समर्थन करता हूँ।

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI
SHANTI BHUSHAN) First of all I

[Shri Shanti Bhushan]

would like to thank the hon Member Mr Alagesan for the kind words that he has said about me. I would also thank the hon. Members Mr Kamath, Mr Somnath Chatterjee, Mr Hari-kesh Bahadur, and particularly the hon Member Mr Sheo Narain for the very kind words that he has said about me. The point which has been raised by the hon Member Mr Alage-san is as to why, at this late hour, this Bill is being brought and if the Bill was not brought, how would Heavens have fallen. All that I would like to say is that I do not know. I cannot forecast and I am not a fortune-teller as to whether anybody is going to question the election of Mr Morarji Desai or Mr Sanjiva Reddy. But the whole question is if the law of the land was in such a shape that even if a person wanted to challenge the election of Mr Morarji Desai or of Mr Sanjiva Reddy—if he had no forum to go to, what will be the face of this demo-cratic country before the whole world? As it is, it is highly unfortunate that an election petition against these two persons cannot be filed before the same authority before whom election petitions can be filed against the other Members of Parliament. But we had to recognize the constraints of Article 329 A. Hon Member Mr Kamath has raised the point as to whether, if there had been a gap would not the position under the Representation of Peoples Act have been reverted to, and an election petition laid in the High Court, as is usual in the case of other Members of Parliament. With the utmost humility at my command I would like to invite the hon Mem-ber's attention to the very clear words in Article 329-A. The words are not capable of being construed in two ways at all. It is well known that in laws sometimes two interpretations are possible. In fact, two courts sometimes differ on the interpretation but there are certain situations in which two interpretations are not

possible, and this is a situation of that kind because the words are

'(b) no election to of . . shall be called in question, except before such authority [not being any such authority as is referred to in clause (b) of article (329) or body and in such manner . '

So, the provision is very clear that the election of a person who has be-come the Prime Minister or Speaker shall not be questioned before any authority which is specified in the law of Parliament and such authority shall be different from the one which is specified in article 329(b).

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH
Does clause (b) refer specifically to High Court Judges? I do not think so.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN Article 329(b) refers to an authority, such authority as may be provided for by or under any law made by Parlia-ment. Therefore, the authority which is specified in article 329(b) is the authority which is specified in the appropriate law of Parliament, name-ly, the Representation of the People Act. The authority which is refer-red in article 329(b) is, therefore the High Court. So it was not possi-ble under article 329(A) to specify the High Court as the authority which would deal with the election pe-titions regarding the election of the Speaker and the Prime Minister.

As I said earlier, with the utmost humility and great deference to the experience of the hon Member, Shri Kamath, here he seems to be on slip-pery ground because it would not be possible for any counsel in a High Court to advance an argument of that kind.

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH
Not even an eminent counsel like you.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN There-fore, these were the constraints

It is true that there is a distinction and that is why we took care to substitute the High Court not by a district Judge not by a lower authority, but by a higher judicial authority namely, a Supreme Court Judge. So, I would say that there cannot be really any objection to this Bill.

So far as article 329 is concerned as I stated earlier, we have already introduced the Bill today for the deletion of the entire article. Of course we cannot take this august House or the other House for granted. Obviously that Constitutional (Amendment) Bill will have to be discussed both in this House and in the other House and as and when it becomes law, automatically this Bill which is being enacted will fall through. It will become infructuous. Till then because the result of the elections have already been declared any person is entitled today to file an election petition before some authority.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur)
The other amendment will apply.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN As soon as the Constitution (Amendment) Bill is adopted. Until then this would be the position. Today that has not been adopted. It has merely been introduced. Till then the gap cannot be there because every person is entitled to file an election petition today. There must be some forum. The forum provided for by the Ordinance was that Committee. We thought that was not a desirable thing. It was in that connection that I referred to the history in England also. It was for that reason that a Supreme Court Judge has been substituted by this Bill.

With these words I commend the Bill to the House.

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH
On a point of clarification. May I ask if, in view of the constraints of article 329A, a Bench of two High Court Judges could not have been

visualised as then there would have been no violation of the Constitutional provision?

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN So far as two judges are concerned, the Representation of the People's Act provides for the High Court. The election petition has to be presented to the High Court. Even a bench of the High Court is a part of the High Court and one cannot say when the petition is presented to the High Court authority it is not being presented to the High Court. Of course, there could be other difficulties. When I come to the amendments which have been moved then I shall explain.

Whenever there is an original trial in which the evidence has to be recorded witnesses have to be examined. It becomes complicated if a bench of more than one judge has to try that original case at the appeal stage. Arguments have to be heard. When the evidence has to be recorded witnesses have to be examined. It becomes highly difficult and highly inconvenient if more than one judge sits there. That is why, it is customary that at the stage of the original appeal it is normally the one judge who tries it.

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

That the Bill to provide for Authorities to deal with disputed elections to Parliament in the case of Prime Minister and Speaker of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR CHAIRMAN Now, we shall take up clauses. There are amendments by Mr Kamath against Clause 2. Are you moving them?

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH
In view of the clarification given by the Minister and the constraints

[Shri H V Kamath]
which he has now explained before the House I would not like to move amendments nos 1 2 and 3

MR CHAIRMAN There are no amendments to Clause 3

The question is

That Clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill

The motion was adopted

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill

MR CHAIRMAN There are amendments by Shri B C Kamble and Shri Ram Dhari Shastri against Clause 4

Are both of you moving your amendments?

SHRI RAM DHARI SHASTRI (Padranna) No

SHRI B C KAMBLE (Bombay South Central) No

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill."

The motion was adopted

Clause 4 was added to the Bill.

Clause 5—(Presentation of petition)

MR. CHAIRMAN There are two amendments nos 3 and 4 by Shri Kamath Are you moving them?

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH I am moving amendment No 4

I beg to move

Page 3 line 28—

for 'two thousand substitute one thousand " (4)

When the Government made it clear that the Ordinance is being replaced with certain modifications, I thought it would be more in consonance with the Janata principle of democracy and equality the Janata Government's shining and luminous ideal of democracy and equality to reduce the

security deposit of Rs 2,000 which is provided in Section 117 of the Representation of the People Act 1951

It is hightime that this new Government in office did so The modification could have been inserted in this Bill with no violence to the necessity for such a provision in view of Art 329A.

Art 329A does not rule out any such provision with regard to security costs of the petition and there is no reason why the Government should not reduce it As a matter of fact it was Rs 1000 before the emergency I do not know when it was amended I have not been in the House for ten years now I am not sure When I filed election petitions, two or three of them—one 10 years ago one 20 years ago and another 15 years ago—it was only Rs 1000 I am not sure when it was raised to Rs 2000 It is hightime that the Government gave thought to this matter and reduced the security deposit from Rs. 2,000 to 1000 because that won't do violence to the intentions of the Government or to the Bill as it is before the House I think this should be accepted by Government

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN The hon. Member Mr Kamath, was very keen that there should be uniformity in the case of the Prime Minister and the Speaker on the one hand and the other Members of Parliament It was in deference to his keenness for that uniformity that we had adopted Rs 2000 as security because that is the amount of security provided in the Representation of the People Act.

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH That Act too should be amended then The relevant provision in the Representation of the People Act may be amended

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN That does not arise at this stage

MR CHAIRMAN Is Mr Kamath pressing for it or withdrawing it?

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH I reluctantly withdraw it

MR CHAIRMAN Does he have the leave of the House to withdraw it?

HON MEMBERS Yes

Amendment No 4 was, by leave withdrawn

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That Clauses 5 to 12 stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted

Clauses 5 to 12 were added to the Bill

Clause 13—(Answering of criminalising motions and certificate of indemnity)

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH I beg to move —

Page 6, line 8—

for "criminate" substitute 'incriminate' (5)

Page 6, line 9—

for "criminate" substitute 'incriminate' (6)

Substantially, they are the same because they refer to a linguistic or a verbal change. I looked up the dictionary this afternoon in the Library. I am reminded of what happened in the Third Lok Sabha when you Sir, and Mr Ravindra Varma were also Members of the House. It was the word "vermun" which appeared in the Bill as "vermins". I opposed that at that time. But the House decided by vote, not by the dictionary, unfortunately. Now, today I looked up the Oxford Dictionary and I found a little enlightening note on this matter. Both the words "criminate" and "incriminate" are there

On the word "criminate", the note says that it was an old English word of 1645—the word "criminate" was current at that time—but it became "incriminate" in 1730. That is to say, the word "incriminate" is a more modern English word than the word "criminate". This is according to the Shorter Oxford Dictionary, not Concise.

19.17 hrs

[SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHARI in the Chair]

My hon friend, the Minister of Law, is a very good lover of the English language. I have heard him addressing the Supreme Court. He is a master of the English language. I am sure, he will appreciate the force of this argument, that we should adopt a more modern English word as far as possible. I am not an authority on this matter, I am not a stickler of words, either. I take my stand on the Oxford Dictionary that the word "incriminate" is a more modern word having been current from 1730 onwards, whereas the word "criminate" is an older English word which existed in 1648. I admit that both are permissible. But I for one would prefer the word "incriminate" rather than the word "criminate". I do not know what the Law Minister will say.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN. The hon Member has been rather modest in saying that he does not regard himself as an authority on English language. Because I found that the amendment was in his name, I also had taken the care to consult the dictionary myself. I found that both the words "criminate" and "incriminate" are there. My hon friend is quite right in saying that one might be an old word and the other might be a modern word. But he would kindly bear in mind that in law, one prefers the older word, the well-tried word which is properly understood by the judges and the lawyers. If you

unnecessarily substitute an old word by a new word, the argument may arise that the change must have been made deliberately and, therefore, the meaning must be different. In order to obviate any such thing and unnecessarily create disputes, litigation, etc we have chosen to follow the well used word.

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH
Old is not gold always (Interruptions)

Since this is a linguistic amendment I think we may consult the dictionary here. I would like to say that, as it is a question of the English language or words it is not too late even now to get a dictionary and see which is the more current expression—'incriminate' or 'criminate'. 'Incriminate' has a euphonious sound, whereas 'criminate' sounds similar to 'cremate'. I don't like it. 'Incriminate' would be a far better word in this context.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN I would request the hon. Member not to press it because it will unnecessarily give rise to litigation. I have some experience of such litigations. If you change a word in any area there would be some kind of a litigation.

I may add that for the sake of uniformity also we have used the same word that has been used in the Representation of the People Act.

SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH If that is so, I would like to withdraw them though with great reluctance. I seek leave of the House to withdraw them.

The Amendments Nos 5 and 6 were, by leave, withdrawn.

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That Clause 13 stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted.

Clause 13 was added to the Bill.
Clauses 14 to 23 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI SHANTI BHUSHAN I go to move

"That the Bill be passed"

MR. CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted.

19 23 hrs.

FOOD CORPORATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL) I go to move

"That the Bill further to amend the Food Corporations Act, 1964 as passed by the Rajya Sabha be taken into consideration"

Sir, the main issue in this Bill is a very limited one. It is proposed to amend Section 12A of the Food Corporation Act which regulates the emoluments, retirement and other benefits to the erstwhile employees of the Food Department who were transferred to the Food Corporation of India, it, thus, seeks to further protect the interests of the Food Corporation employees and does not relate to any major policy issue and I hope that all sides of the House would support the provisions of the Bill.

As the Hon. Members are aware, the Food Corporation of India came into existence in January 1965, and the functions hitherto discharged by the Food Department, Government of India, relating to purchase, storage, movement, distribution and sale of foodgrains and other foodstuffs, were transferred to this Corporation. Consequently, about 17 000 employees belonging to the Food Department were transferred to the Food Corporation and for safeguarding their interest a new Section 12A was inserted in the

Food Corporations Act, 1964 by the Food Corporations (Amendment) Act, 1968

Section 12A of the Food Corporations Act, 1964, envisages the exercise of two options by the employees firstly, whether they would like to be transferred to the Food Corporation of India or not, and secondly, whether they would like to be governed by the retirement and other terminal benefits in accordance with the rules and orders of the Central Government or of the Food Corporation of India. In the operation of the provisions of Section 12A certain practical difficulties have arisen which have necessitated a further amendment of Section 12A of the Food Corporations Act, 1964.

The staff of the Department of Food was transferred to the Corporation along with the work in a phased manner and such transfer was completed by 1st March, 1969. However, it took some time to collect the necessary particulars and issue actual notifications with the result that the employees were unable to exercise their options for terminal benefits within a period of six months of their transfer as statutorily required under Section 12A of the Act. Difficulties further arose because some employees died or retired before the issue of transfer notifications or exercising options.

The Food Corporations (Amendment) Bill, 1977, now before the House, seeks to remedy the difficulties mentioned above. The Bill provides *that all serving officers will be given* a fresh opportunity to exercise an option whether they will like to be governed by the Central Government terminal benefits or by the Food Corporation benefits. It has also been provided that those who are yet to be formally transferred will also have the same right to exercise the option within six months of the notification of transfer. Those who have died or retired obviously cannot make use of the amending provisions. It has accordingly been provided that where such persons were able to exercise

valid option these will be respected and followed. In other cases where valid options could not be exercised, the Central Government benefits which are by and large more advantageous will be given. There is adequate justification for doing so, as such Food transferees were earlier Central Government employees and in the absence of an opportunity to give an option to the contrary, it is only fitting that they should be given terminal benefits in accordance with the Central Government rules and regulations.

The Bill seeks to cover the administrative difficulties mentioned earlier, and will go a long way towards meeting the legitimate claims of the erstwhile employees of the Food Department who have been transferred to the Food Corporation of India. I would, therefore, request for whole-hearted support from the hon. Members, from all sections of the House.

With these observations, I commend the Bill to the House for acceptance.

MR CHAIRMAN Motion moved

"That the Bill further to amend the Food Corporation Act, 1964 as passed by Rajya Sabha be taken into consideration."

Mr Shinde

SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE (Ahmednagar) Mr Chairman, Sir at the outset I would like to congratulate Shri Prakash Singh Badal on his taking over this very important portfolio in our economy. Punjab's history of agriculture has been a glorious history not only in Asia but in the whole world. The Punjab farmers have played a great role in this country. Shri Prakash Singh Badal happens to be a progressive farmer and I wish him all well.

It has been the policy of my Party not to oppose blindly the various Bills or other proposals of the Government but to give constructive cooperation on merits. As far as this Bill is concerned, we are extending our whole-

hearted support to the provision of this Bill for two reasons. First of all, the Food Corporation of India is a very important instrument evolved by this Parliament for the management of the food economy of this country, and employees of the Food Corporation have been playing a very vital role in this. There have been some technical difficulties, and in order to overcome these technical difficulties, this Bill has been brought forward by the Government. At one stage I was associated with negotiations as far as some of these aspects are concerned. There were some apprehensions in the mind of the Government employees of the Food Department at that time. On behalf of the Government, I extended and gave an assurance to the employees that they would not stand to lose on transfer of their services from the Food Department to the Food Corporation of India. I am quite confident that the present Government and Shri Prakash Singh Badal himself will take interest in the well being of the employees and if in future some problems arise, he will adopt a very sympathetic attitude towards them.

There is not much time and I cannot go into details, but I will only refer to some of the problems. While I was in the Government, I found that there were some problems which we could not tackle for instance in West Bengal the problem of deputationists who are working in the Food Corporation. They are actually the employees of the West Bengal Government. The problem could not be solved. I hope, the hon. Minister will find time to attend to that.

As far as the Food Corporation is concerned, it is a very big organization and there can be some failures as also some incompetent and bad elements but by and large there are very good officers and employees in the Corporation. That is why, this organisation has been playing an important role in the management of food economy. I would like to submit that I know from my intimate personal knowledge that at various

levels a very good competence has been built up in this organization and particularly some of the persons occupying key positions are really competent and able and they would deserve all support from this House and the hon. Minister.

The Food Corporation of India has an important part to play in our country. The real test of management of food economy is when there is a drought and there is a shortage of foodgrains, how shall we manage the food economy of this country, meet the requirements of vulnerable section of our people and also maintain price stability. Unfortunately, in the world food is highly mixed up with politics. I am making this submission for the consideration of the hon. Minister because as I said the real test of management of food economy is in the period of shortage and drought but I learn from the newspapers that ad hoc policies are likely to be adopted in this matter. I would cautiously submit to the hon. Minister that in the case of management of good economy, adhocism would be very dangerous for this country. We are poor country, a very large segment of population is poor and they deserve all our sympathies and they should get the foodgrains at reasonable prices at all time. Simply because the food situation now is very comfortable, our bufferstocks are large, we should not have ad hoc policies in this matter.

Further, a stage has come in the food economy of this country when it would be possible to manage without imports of foodgrains even in an adverse year. The situation has to be used to our best national advantage. We have been spending a very large amount on import of foodgrains. Only three years ago, we spent more than 700 crores in one year. In future, we can protect our national interest without resorting to import.

As I said, in the world food is highly mixed up with politics. There are tendencies in the world to interfere with the internal affairs of other countries by taking advantage of its food difficulties and its weaknesses on the food front. I am read-

ing from a magazine Business Week' dated the 15th December, 1975

'Earl L Butz, the peripatetic Secretary of Agriculture just back from a tour of eight countries tells a story to show how America is waking up to the use of its food power as a diplomatic tool

Earl L Butz was at one time Secretary of Agriculture in USA

The same magazine says

Nearly everyone agrees that in a world of hunger and over population the USA can apply its tremendous agricultural capacity as a lever on foreign countries to adopt policies beneficial to this nation

There is a great danger involved We are a big nation and we have to see that we are not exposed to the manipulations of the great powers as far as our food economy is concerned Therefore I am suggesting this for the kind consideration of the House The Food Corporation to day is capable of managing a very big buffer stock but a number of aspects of a big buffer stock need to be looked into We have never held such a huge buffer stock. So all the implications the monetary, financial and from the point of general economy have to be gone into and even the preservation of the grain which is to be a part of the bufferstock. With regard to storage capacity we have certain limitations because there are certain inherent difficulties Despite all that we should continue to hold a very large buffer stock so that we are not exposed to external dangers

The Food Corporation of India has been playing an important role in giving marketing support to the farmers of this country Had there been no Food Corporation in the field—I know there are certain weaknesses and certain failures—but basically had there been no Food Corporation in the market in a period when there was a bumper harvest prices would

have been depressed and farmers would have suffered This instrument of Food Corporation of India needs all our support and strength so that it becomes a very powerful instrument in support of our farmers

With these few observations I would like to give my whole-hearted support to the provisions of this Bill I would also like to assure on behalf of my party that as far as the employees of the FCI are concerned—of course all sections of the House will agree on that—their interests should be fully protected

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contd) I want to take advantage of this Bill to raise a few points about the attitudes of some of the officers of the Food Corporation about whom Shri Shinde made very commendable remarks. I have no doubt he is right but there are some officers who have proved to be very vindictive revengeful and I should say, petty-minded

One of the men who is in high authority in the Food Corporation—I have never seen such a man behaves as if he is a Chief commander of an army I remember the occasion on August 17 1973 when Mr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed was the Agriculture Minister when I was having a talk with him that officer was also there and he behaved in such an offensive manner which I never expected of a subordinate officer and that too while talking to his Minister Mr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed you know, was a man of high culture and patience He kept quiet Had I been in his place I would have sacked that officer who dared to behave in such an ugly manner before his Minister This gentle man and his accomplice the Zonal Manager of the Eastern Zone of the Food Corporation Calcutta have taken a vindictive attitude towards 500 employees of the FCI Employees Association's membership The legitimate trade union movement and activities they wanted to curb and in furtherance of that they have taken full advantage of the emergency situation

This Union never resorted to any strike. They were always ready to co-operate with the government. Because this union refused to become their tool this gentleman sitting in Delhi and the other sitting in Calcutta wanted to stifle it. So, they created another rival union and wanted to play one against the other and during the period of emergency they took many vindictive and revengeful measures. About 500 of the employees have been transferred as a sort of penal measure. Secretary General of the Employees Association was suspended for months together, arrested under DIR salary impounded for 14 months, and he has been transferred to far away Silchar which is the farthest corner in Assam from the Headquarters of the Trade Union, Calcutta and recently a major punishment imposed upon him on TU activities. He was responsible to go round the country and organize the trade union activity. Not only that you will be shocked to know another fact just 2 or 3 days before the election results were announced, the Headquarter's office in Calcutta of the union has been forcibly occupied by the Zonal Manager FCI, Calcutta and the union leaders and workers have been ejected from their office of the Trade union functioning since 1965. I can hardly imagine that a man who is in charge of the FCI Eastern Zone should have dared to do so. I met the hon Minister in the morning. As I requested him, necessary action may kindly be taken to look into the case of atrocious behaviour of the FCI Zonal Manager, Calcutta which is with the connivance of police.

52 Assistant Managers have been reverted against all principles of justice and fair play as per FCI statute and have been given lower clerical posts after serving 5 to 8 years as Asstt. Managers. I will urge the hon Minister to go into their cases and restore them in their former official status. It is learnt that private members of the FCI Board have also advised to the FCI to restore

their status as they felt that the actions of the Management was illegal and against the provisions of the FCI statute. Protection of pay cannot arrest demoralising effect of the employees and as such all Asstt. Managers who have worked for more than one year should be confirmed and regularised in all fairness as demanded through their rote submitted to the Board's meeting held on 4th and 5th April 1977.

I would request that as has been done in the case of Railways, liberal attitude may be taken in the cases of trade union workers of the FCI in Calcutta, Delhi and elsewhere. Liberal attitude has been taken by the P & T Department. I hope that the Food and Agriculture Minister will also act like that in the same Janata Government to avoid discriminating treatment and its aftermath with a view to fulfil ends of justice to these countrymen.

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[SHRI M SATYANARAYAN RAO in the Chair]

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur)
I think Shri Shinde has rightly put it that the hon Minister, Shri Badal is handling very important portfolio because the entire economy of this country is based on agriculture.

The previous Government has done excellent work in agriculture and has shown good progress. Shri Shinde, an able Minister, has handled the portfolio in a very efficient manner. He got all round appreciation. I hope the same tempo will be maintained.

Shri Subramaniam Swamy was taking a challenge of the economy of this country during the time of emergency. I do not know his logic. He has stated in his anxiety to defend his party. We improved the economy of the country during emergency and before that should be taken note of Country's progress, and nation's progress is of paramount importance. We have not to discuss it from any nar-

row angle in this House. It is the most important piece of legislation that has been brought. This has already been passed in the Rajya Sabha and by the previous Government. I think Shri Shinde was responsible for bringing this Bill. I think he has stated very correctly that the employees working in the Food Corporation are efficient and their working conditions have to be ameliorated and certain new measures have to be adopted. The administration has to be revamped. The entire Food Corporation system should be pruned and put in a proper way so that there is no shortage of food in the country. The recruitment system, the promotion of the staff, all these things have to be gone into. The previous Government made certain improvements. I wish that this Government should also go ahead with it further. The branches of the FCI are working in various States and their functioning has to be reexamined. Food control and storage activities are being affected due to shortage of wagons. This should be looked into. As Mr Shinde has rightly stated, the food policy of this country sometimes tends to be operated by the other countries. It is my request that the present Government should not succumb to such circumstances and it should see that the food situation of the country is improved. Agricultural progress should not be retarded in any manner. Wherever further improvements are to be made, these efforts must be undertaken. This present piece of legislation is a source of strength to the employees working in the Corporation. The Corporation should not only be expanded but its administration and organisation should be improved.

With these words I support the legislative measure which has been brought forward by the hon. Minister. Thank you.

श्री उग्रसेन (देवरिया) माननीय चैयरमन साहब मैं मंत्री जी से एक-दो बातें ही कहना चाहता हूँ। मैं एक-दो मिनट से ज्यादा नहीं खूना।

खाद्य निगम में भरवा दपए की पूजो लगी हुई है। जो इसमें मुनाफा हुआ वह सब बड़े बड़े भ्रष्टाचार था। वे भ्रष्टाचार था जो चार-चार हजार तन ब्रवाह पाने वाले हैं। छोटे ब्रवाहियों को कुछ नहीं मिला। जिस तरह य किसी शूगर कंपनी के ब्रवाही होने हैं—उनमें कुछ भोजन होते हैं और बाद में निकाल दिए जाने हैं उसी तरह य भ्रष्टाचार खाद्य निगम में भी ब्रवाही है जो तीन-तीन साल काम किए हैं। क्या आप ऐसे ब्रवाहियों को सर्वेक्षण करायें और उन्हें काम देंगे? मेरी प्रार्थना है कि आप ऐसे ब्रवाहियों को काम दें।

एक बात आपका और बताता हूँ कि जिनसे भी कारपोरेशन बनते हैं—च हेफूड कारपोरेशन हो, एयर कारपोरेशन हो, ट्रांसपोर्ट कारपोरेशन हो—उनमें जो ब्रवाही काम करने के लिए डिपार्टमेंट से प्राप्ते हैं उनसे तीन साल बाद प्रार्थना की जाती है कि वे वहाँ कहीं रहना चाहते हैं। इससे उनके लिए बड़ी मुश्किल हो जाती है। तो यह जो पिछला है, इसे भी दूर किया जाए।

बस मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से इतना ही कहूँगा कि ब्रवाहियों की जो छटनो हुई है उसे ठीक किया जाए और ब्रवाहियों का काम दिया जाए। कारपोरेशन में जो मुनाफा ब्रवाया जाए उसमें ब्रवाहियों को भी कुछ हिस्सा मिलना चाहिए। कानून तो जरा मुश्किल चीज है लेकिन आप इनके लिए कुछ व्यवस्था कर सकें तो ब्रवाहियों को काफी राहत मिलेगी। मुझे प्रार्थना है कि आप इसके लिए कोशिश करेंगे।

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA (Eluru) I am very glad about the interest which has been evinced by the hon. Members in regard to his Food Corporation (Amendment) Bill.

Sir while supporting the Bill I want to make two or three observations.

[Shri K Suryanarayana]

What we find is that in respect of these matters the Central Government and the State Governments are giving safeguards only to the employees of the Corporation and the consumers

Sir the Food Corporation is not taking any interest so far as farmers are concerned or even agricultural labourers. They are not even opening shops in the villages for the purpose of serving the agricultural labourers. Agricultural labourers are really the growers. When they go to the village, there is no stock at all.

I would request the Food Corporation to open the shops even in the remote villages particularly for the benefit of agricultural labourers. The pity is that the State Government is entirely depending upon the Central Government for everything. I am not disputing the services rendered by the Food Corporation to the consumers as also the amenities provided for by them to the employees etc. Simultaneously you should also take care of the interests of the growers as also the agricultural labourers. Politically they are taking it leisurely. Hereafter at least, the hon. Minister coming from the village would do everything that he can. He must be knowing the feelings of the consumers in the villages. After two to three months they sell away the grains. And the consumer is made to pay more and more.

In Andhra Pradesh the paddy is completely discoloured. I have requested the Government of India to allow them to send that paddy to be made use of by other States. But none will use that discoloured paddy. In our State I would request the Government to consider this point and allow the Food Corporation to open shops or allow the private traders in those places to purchase the grains thereby the State can be benefited.

I hear that the Food Corporation has not taken any interest in the discoloured paddy which is lying in my State. The Food Corporation is giv-

ing benefits only to the consumers and not to the agricultural labourers—agriculturists. I request the Government at least to see that best price is paid to the producers, also the same facilities may be given to the agricultural labourers also. If the Food Corporation depots are opened in the villages that would benefit the agricultural labourers as well. We have no grievance against the officers as such. I have raised the point last time. Six months back the Food Corporation said that everything was all right so far as storage capacity was concerned. In my opinion the tarpaulin cover will not do. Damage still happens. May be the overall damage may come to 10 to 15 per cent. They can try the CAP system of covering. That will minimise the damage to grains. At present it is very heavy. Even millers and merchants have told me as also the godown keepers that it is no use covering it by tarpaulin but that can be done by CAP system. With these remarks I request once again that the hon. Minister may take care of the agricultural labourers and also small farmers by opening up depots by the Food Corporation.

SHRI SHYAMAPRASANNA BHATTACHARYA (Uluberia) Sir I wholeheartedly support the Amending Bill brought forward by the hon. Minister.

Sir it is reported in the Economic and Political Weekly that some food officers are trying to export foodgrains worth Rs. 50 crores to which I take exception. I draw the attention of the Minister who has taken over this department recently to this thing. What I want to say is that in the case of procurement issue we must see that the cultivators get the remunerative price and they do not become losers after the harvesting period.

Secondly if the stock is surplus and not required for the year that surplus stock may be utilised for rural development work where in the rural areas semistarved population is there and in the development work they

can get the chance to work in exchange of food as wages. That arrangement can be made and the objective of the government of rural development and minimising the poverty of the people will be achieved.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat)
Mr Chairman, as has been stated by the Minister, the object of the Bill is limited. The object of this Bill is to provide for another extension of six months' time for the exercise of option which was given earlier.

Mr Chairman, Sir, of course this option has been given to a particular section of officers but at this stage I want to mention certain other aspects of the employees employed under the Food Corporation of India. One very salient point has been referred to by Shri Shunde, namely, the problem of deputationists of West Bengal. I am quite thankful to him for having made reference to this aspect. We had an occasion to exchange views on this matter when he was the Minister and I was in the other House. Sir, I am sorry to say that that aspect has not yet engaged the attention of your department.

Apart from that as the Food Corporation of India is a very big organisation spread over all over the country there is a large number of workers who are not permanent. They are not even considered to be quasi permanent. They are casual or of seasonal nature. Sir, Food Corporation of India is an expanding organisation because it has been put in charge of purchasing storage and distribution of the food of our country. As a matter of fact it plays a very important role in the management of our food economy. In view of the possibilities of its expansion I do not find any reason as to why these thousands of employees who are treated as casual workers should not be taken as permanent workers and become entitled to the privileges and other benefits being enjoyed by the other permanent workers of this Corporation.

I would, therefore, suggest that that point should receive the attention of the hon Minister.

Mr Chairman, Sir, the role of the Food Corporation of India is of a decisive nature because it is entrusted with the job of purchasing foodgrains. Today the total production of foodgrains has increased. It has reached to the stage of 110 million tonnes and a marketable surplus would be, according to me, not less than 20 to 30 million tonnes. That being the case, if it is the duty and if it is the role of the Food Corporation of India to procure more and more, then the staff is to be increased. Therefore, there is no argument in not recognising the services of the casual and other workers who have not yet been taken as permanent workers.

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Sir, there is also criticism that there are certain forces in our country who want that there should not be procurement and that there should be exclusively free trade in food economy. This has created fear and consternation not only among the employees, but also the people of this country. May I request the hon Minister to really, at this stage, spell out the principle or approach to this particular point because we feel that in order to curb the price rise of the food, the price behaviour of all the commodities can be given full effect to if the public distribution system is to be progressively expanded. That being the case, it is necessary that these doubts particularly raised by the All-India Food Traders Federation etc that there should be free trade in food economy should be dispelled. I think the hon Minister should take this opportunity to dispel the doubts and further strengthen the instrument of the Food Corporation of India which can really take us a very long way in the matter of management of food trade and curbing the price rise.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI

PRAKASH SINGH BADAL) Mr Chairman Sir this is a very non controversial Bill I am thankful to 'Ir Shinde' Mr Samar Guha Mr Lakappa and Mr Uggrasen and other Members because as regards the major issues in this Bill they have supported the Bill I am thankful to Mr Shinde that he has spoken good words for me and I assure him that whatever he has said I will try my level best to do the job efficiently

As regards the working of the Food Corporation of India some suggestions have been made to me My hon friends have asked me about the officers vindictiveness towards the employees of the Food Corporation of India I have received some representations from the employees association of the Food Corporation of India I am looking into them and I can assure the Members that if any injustice has been done to employees it will be certainly looked into

One of our hon Members asked about the West Bengal State Government deputationists The West Bengal State Government deputationists who are on deputation with the Corporation cannot be absorbed on account of the time bound agreement between the Food Corporation and the State Government The State Government also passed laws for their absorption in their Services

My friend Mr Samar Guha has drawn my attention about the Calcutta office and about 57 Assistant Managers As regards the 52 persons mentioned by him he should be glad to know that the Board of Directors of the FCI appreciated the hardship faced by them on reversion to their posts after seven years and so at the Board's meeting held on 5.4.1977 it was decided to protect the pay and other emoluments of such ad hoc promotees where they have acted as Assistant Managers for at least one year or

more, even on their reversion This will mitigate their economic hardship

My attention has also been drawn to difficulties in storage There is also the fear that during rains the commodities might be spoiled Government is also worried about this The storage capacity of the FCI and the other government agencies is about 20.7 million tonnes and the House will be glad to know that before long the capacity will be increased to 24.73 million tonnes We are trying our best to have more capacity New schemes have been started for hiring accommodation constructed by private parties under a guarantee scheme and banks will be providing loans at concessional rate of 11 per cent interest With this scheme we hope to have another 2.5 million tonnes of more accommodation We are also thinking of other ways to remove this hardship

It was suggested that foodgrain imports should be stopped Government is also of the view that imports should stop I think after this year food imports will not be done I think there are no other items concerning the Bill

MP CHAIRMAN The question is

"That the Bill further to amend the Food Corporation Act 1964 as passed by Rajya Sabha, be taken into consideration"

The motion was adopted

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

"That clauses 2, 3 and 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title stand part of the Bill"

The motion was adopted.

Clauses 2, 3 and 1 the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL
I beg to move

"That the Bill be passed."

MR CHAIRMAN. The question is

"That the Bill be passed"

The motion was adopted.

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STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE IN- CREASE IN MAXIMUM GUARAN- TEE LIMIT IN RESPECT OF CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE BANKS AND TAMIL NADU STATE CO- OPERATIVE BANK

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL-
TURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI
PRAKASH SINGH BADAL) Sir I
beg to move

"Whereas the Government of
Tamil Nadu have guaranteed the
repayment in respect of the Cen-
tral Co-operative Banks and the
Tamil Nadu State Co-operative
Bank, the Maximum limit of Short
Term Credit, Medium Term Credit
and Medium Term Conversion
loans to the extent of Rs. 3,87000
lakhs in the Government of Tamil
Nadu, Cooperation Department G O
Mr No 321 cooperation dated
30-8-1971,

And whereas it is considered
necessary to increase the maximum
guarantee limit in respect of the
Central Co-operative Banks and the
Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Bank
to the extent of Rs 6,11500 lakhs,

And whereas the Tamil Nadu
Legislative Assembly has been dis-
solved, the Lok Sabha hereby re-
solve that the Government of Tamil
Nadu may increase the limit or
guarantee in respect of the Central
Co-operative Banks and the Tamil
Nadu State Co-operative Bank to
the extent of Rs 6,11500 lakhs as
required under section 73-D of the
Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies
Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 53 of
1961)"

MR CHAIRMAN The Resolution
is before the House

SHRI O V ALAGESAN (Arko-
nam) While supporting this resolu-
tion I should like to say a few words
as to how the co-operative movement
suffered and to what depths it sank in
Tamil Nadu under the DMK rule In
cooperative movement, the composite
state of Madras from which I come
and Punjab from which the hon
Mover of the resolution hails, both
the states were leading and it was
going on healthy lines Unfortunately,
when in Tamil Nadu the DMK party
took over the administration the co-
operative movement in Tamil Nadu
was one of the worst sufferers It was
distorted prostituted to benefit pri-
vate pockets and private parties and
partisans of the DMK party Just as
various branches of administration
were poisoned, by the corrupt DMK
rule, the Co-operative Movement was
also poisoned and the poor farmers
were helpless After the Advisers'
regime in Tamil Nadu was installed
under the President's rule, the non-
official bodies, the non-official Boards
of Directors were abolished and these
Co-operative Banks, Central Banks
and other Apex Banks were put
under special Officers At my sug-
gestion in one of the meetings of the
Committee of the MPs on Tamil
Nadu, the Advisers' regime appointed
a Cell to go into the working of the
various Central Banks, that is, the
District Apex Banks and the enquiry
led to startling revelations as to how
funds were misappropriated how
reckless was the issue of loans to
partymen, and the misuse of official
cars They went on Kashi Yatra and
Rameshwaram Yatra Now, I would
like to mention how corruption pre-
valled in the Co-operative Depart-
ment The employees of the various
banks were compelled to go on leave
and temporary men were recruited
and money was taken from them I
can quote an instance where a person
became a Minister after he was the
President of the Central Bank and he
used to steal petrol from the car be-
longing to the bank, every day av-

(Shri O. V. Alagesan)

tematically. It was going on even after the gentleman became the Minister of the Tamil Nadu Government. One night when his son was stealing petrol from the car belonging to the Central Bank, it so happened that the petrol tank got fire and the poor young fellow died as a result of the fire. This was the sorry state of affairs in Tamil Nadu. And I hope the Hon'ble Minister will get hold of those reports and try to reform the co-operative sector as much as possible. There was another Minister who created societies over night. All his employees were registered as members of the Co-operative Societies. Over night huge amounts were sanctioned as loans, only to be appropriated the next day. I think it is the subject matter of the Enquiry before the Sarkaria Commission. I do not know whether it has completed the enquiry or not. But this is the state into which the Co-operative Movement sank under the DMK rule and the DMK Government. It is a great pity that the co-operative movement which was once so beneficial and developing on healthy lines should have come to this sorry pass under the DMK rule.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (Tiruchirappalli) Sir, I support this resolution and at the same time I want to make some suggestions for the consideration of the minister. The amount mentioned in the statement may appear to be substantial—he seeks to authorise the Tamil Nadu Government to guarantee up to a maximum of Rs 61 crores for giving loans to the ryots—but the reality is a substantial part of this amount will be used for conversion of the arrears. Consequently for the past four years, there has been serious drought in major parts of Tamil Nadu. Now the situation is much worse because even the delta area has become drought-affected. So this will not meet the needs of the situation. Even if the monsoon is favourable, the ryot will require at least two years to get repaying capacity. That is why I suggest that all the short term loans will

have to be converted into medium and long-term loans. Thousands of petitions are pending before the banks for re-conversion. Pressure is mounting on the special officers and collectors. So instructions may be given to accept liberally proposals for conversion of short-term loans to medium and long-term loans. Even that will not be adequate. Fresh credit must be available to the ryots to meet the situation. Distress sales of land, cattle etc are taking place. It is a pitiable sight in the rural areas specially in regard to small farmers. Even the rich farmers are no better. So I request the minister to study the problem more closely and give relief.

Mr Alagesan missed to mention one important point i.e. bogus loans or benami loans. Benami loans to the extent of several lakhs of rupees were issued during the DMK regime for which the innocent farmers are now harassed. The ryot does not know whether he took the loan or not but his signature is there and the officers come to attach his land. It is not a stray case. In one district alone benami loans are estimated to be Rs 30 lakhs. Such things have happened during the DMK regime. That is why the Central Bank elected representatives were removed and the banks were put under the charge of special officers. Several allegations against former Presidents and other office-bearers are under enquiry. So, I suggest that the amount should be increased and real relief should be given to the ryots. At the same time instructions must be given to deal with complaints properly and relieve the ryots from the burden of benami loans. Proper enquiry must be conducted into benami loans and the persons responsible for granting such loans and forging the signatures of the ryots must be punished. The innocent ryots must not be harassed.

SHRI PRAKASH SINGH BADAL
Sir, this is a very routine regulation. As you are aware, as per Section

73-D of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act 1961, the State Government may fix the maximum limit of guarantee of repayment of loan or advance taken by State Co-operative Bank and concerned Central Co-operative Banks and the State Government may increase the maximum limit in consultation with both Houses of the Legislature. It is proposed by the State Government to enhance the maximum limit from Rs 3870 lakhs to Rs 6115 lakhs to meet the increased requirements of credit from Reserve Bank of India. Since the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has been dissolved approval of Parliament for enhancement of the maximum limit of guarantee is necessary. Present limit of Rs 3870 lakhs had been fixed in the year 1971. So this is entirely in the interest of farmers.

My friend has drawn my attention towards the fact that the maximum short term loan should be changed into medium term. He will be pleased to know that out of this amount Rs 4375 lakhs is only for this purpose. This is being done keeping in view the drought conditions prevailing in that area.

My attention was drawn towards the cooperative conditions in Tamil Nadu. In that connection I can only say that we will look into the matter.

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

Whereas The Government of Tamil Nadu have guaranteed the repayment in respect of the Central Cooperative Banks and the Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Bank, the Maximum limit of Short Term Credit, Medium Term Credit and Medium Term Conversion loans to the extent of Rs 3870 00 lakhs in the Government of Tamil Nadu, Co-operation Department G O Ms No 321 Cooperation dated 30-6-1971,

And whereas it is considered necessary to increase the maximum guarantee limit in respect of the Central Cooperative Banks and the Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Bank to the extent of Rs 6,115 00 lakhs,

And whereas the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has been dissolved the Lok Sabha hereby resolve that the Government of Tamil Nadu may increase the limit of guarantee in respect of the Central Cooperative Banks and the Tamil Nadu State Cooperative Bank to the extent of Rs 6 115 00 lakhs as required under section 73 D of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 53 of 1961) "

The motion was adopted

DR SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East) On account of the late hour I agree to postponement of Item No 25 in my name on the understanding that this will be taken up in the early part of the next session.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA On account of the late hour I also agree to postponement of Item No 26 in my name with the consent of the House on the understanding that this item should get priority in the business agenda in the next session.

MR CHAIRMAN Is it the pleasure of the House to postpone these items or continue with them?

SOME HON MEMBERS Postpone

MR CHAIRMAN The House agrees to postpone these items.

The House stands adjourned sine die
20 25 hrs

Lok Sabha then adjourned sine die